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Teen venue gets reprieve on music

Cafe Eclectica can keep its music, but must keep noise levels down.

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — A DJ playing hip-hop beats and fast-talking rappers played a show at teen hangout Cafe Eclectica on Saturday. The cafe has often showcased emerging punk music, but shows have been canceled

through February.

The cafe nearly lost its privilege to have amplified music at all. A little-known city law and neighbor complaints threatened to permanently pull the plug, which might have threatened the cafe's viability.

The City Council voted 4-1 at its Monday, Jan. 21 meeting to allow the cafe, a teen hangout at 1309 Solano Ave., to continue scheduling live music Friday and Saturday nights.

The issue was brought before

the council after residents living nearby complained that the music — mostly by punk bands playing two nights a week — was too loud.

Despite the complaints, the council approved the permit for the cafe, during a meeting in which an estimated 50 parents and teen-agers turned out in support.

"Without the permit, we very well might have closed," said Carollee Sly, the executive director of Community Learning Ser-

vices, the nonprofit group that runs Cafe Eclectica. "Because it's by far the most popular thing we have going. It draws kids from all over the place. And the vote would've shown that we didn't have city or community support."

More than a dozen neighbors came to the Jan. 21 meeting to speak out against issuing the permit. Vice Mayor Jon Ely was the lone council member to vote against issuing the permit.

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JOANNA JHANDA/STAFF

SURROUNDED BY SOME of his students is newly shorn Albany High School music teacher Tom Lilienthal, who promised the jazz band he would let them shave his head if they won the top award at a recent festival.

Teacher makes musical success at Albany High

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — When Albany High School music teacher Tom Lilienthal arrived nine years ago, the school's music program seemed to be on its deathbed, with just a choir and concert band.

Albany High now has two symphonic bands, a jazz band, a rhythm and blues group, a rock performance class and a digital recording class.

By all accounts, Lilienthal — a professional bass player who once toured with John Fogerty and lives on a houseboat on the Richmond harbor — is responsible for bringing the music department back to life.

"I think that he's a very inspirational teacher, wonderful with kids that are very serious about music but at the same time really concerned about making music available to high schoolers that have never had music training before," said Dolores Dalton, who has organized several Albany benefit concerts with Lilienthal.

When Lilienthal, 55, arrived at the school in 1994, its music budget had been slashed and music teachers had come and gone since the retirement of a long-time instructor in 1987.

Lilienthal developed the music program to suit his own strengths. He created the rock 'n' roll class, where students without previous training perform within a semester.

He also created the concert band and, for the more experienced students, the symphonic band.

"Without the help of a lot of parents and a lot of community

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Headliners playing at AHS benefit

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — A blues concert with big names is scheduled Saturday as part of an effort to help keep the school district music program afloat.

This is the fourth concert the Albany Music Fund has organized in the past year to benefit the program. If the previous concerts are any indication, it will be another sold-out success.

The concerts are the work of a dedicated group of parents who want the music program to continue flourishing, even while the school district makes budget cuts.

"In February of last year, when we started getting word of the cuts, people thought we needed to broaden fund-raising efforts from selling snacks at (student) concerts to putting on (benefit) concerts," said Nancy Ulmer, the co-chair of the Albany Music Fund.

Last year the music program was on the chopping block as the district sought ways to cut costs during a budget crisis.

Through the benefit concerts and a direct appeal to parents for donations, the music fund raised \$120,000, saving classes and teacher positions. Ulmer said the concerts will continue as long as the music program remains in jeopardy.

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KID-TESTED, MOTHER-APPROVED



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CHER PAR FARROKHMID and students at El Cerrito Preschool Co-op enjoy a Dav Pilkey story Monday.

Co-op preschool keeps on caring

By Alan Lopez
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — A child of 3 slowly pedals a tricycle while her child digs dirt with a shovel at the El Cerrito Preschool Co-op.

Although this happened just a few days ago, it also did decades ago at the El Cerrito Preschool Co-op.

The preschool has been taking care of local children for more than 60 years. It is at all cooperative preschools, El Cerrito Preschool Co-op must participate in teaching and babysitting, maintenance and more. And parents at the El Cerrito Co-op don't have it any other

"It's quality child care and a mini community where we rely on each other for support and for friendship and just a way to find a little corner of the community you can call your own," said Kristin Theis-Alvarez, president of the preschool's board of directors. "For some people that's exactly what they're looking for."

About six mothers were supervising the toddlers one recent morning as about 30 children at a time frolicked in the outside play area.

Belinda Lesser, a single mother from El Cerrito, said the preschool offered her an extended family. She considered it a good place for her son to move

from being at home full time.

Theis-Alvarez discovered the school when she dropped by the city's community center, which sits across the street, to pick up a pool schedule. Her son practically climbed the fence when he saw the play equipment, she said.

"It definitely feels like an extension of your home in a sense," Theis-Alvarez said. "It's our school; you as a parent take ownership of it. You make decisions and get involved as much as you want."

The preschool, said to be among the first cooperative schools in California, opened in

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EL CERRITO PRESCHOOL CO-OP

The El Cerrito Preschool Co-op, 7200 Mooser Lane, offers morning and afternoon sessions, with art, science, cooking, music programs and more. Tuition ranges from \$270 to \$1,058 per month, depending on how many days per week a child comes and how much parents participate in running the facility and teaching. Parents are required to attend monthly meetings and quarterly maintenance sessions. For information, call 510-526-1916

Commuters catch activists' anti-war songs

By Tom Lochner
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — A group of anti-war activists have taken their message to the rails, serenading commuters at BART stations during evening rush.

This week, more than 40 members of Singing For Peace gathered outside the turnstiles at the end of the El Cerrito Del Norte station, belting out stanzas of the Vietnam War and anti-war struggle songs, spirituals, peace-themed pop tunes, and they launched into John

Lennon's "Imagine" — envisioning a world without countries, possessions, greed or hunger and "nothing to kill or die for" — some commuters walked by oblivious; others exhibited surprise; many expressed support. A very few scowled.

And some joined in the singing, if only for a few minutes.

"This is good because it gets the word out that we don't all want war," said Jeff Riddell of Vacaville, who had just arrived by bus and was taking BART to San Leandro.

"I think it's a good idea. I love it," said Terry Goodwin, who had come by bicycle and was mulling

over joining in the singing. "Whatever we can do to resolve this (dispute with Saddam Hussein) peacefully, I'm for it," Goodwin said. "I love life. I love people."

Several group members said that with ever-shriller threats of war emanating from the White House, they feel they are in a race against time and have a re-energized sense of purpose. The group began singing together weekly in November — on Tuesdays or Fridays from 4:45 to 6:30 p.m. — a month after Congress authorized President Bush to attack Iraq. Their first stand was at the Orinda station, with about

15 people.

The group has since grown, by dint of the Internet and word of mouth, to about 50 people and have sung at Lafayette; Embarcadero and Mission/24th Street in San Francisco; 12th Street Oakland; and Downtown Berkeley. They will resume Feb. 7 at Oakland's Fruitvale station.

An earlier incarnation of the group sang in downtown Berkeley in 2001 on Friday evenings for three months following 9/11, said Betsy Rose, a Berkeley music teacher who conducts the group and accompanies on guitar.

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TUE NAM TON/STAFF

SALLY GOLDIN (left) and Betsy Rose (guitar) lead songs of peace and healing at the Del Norte BART Station in El Cerrito Jan. 14

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IN BRIEF

Albany

From the collection of ... you, perhaps?

The Albany Library is looking for people who would like to display their interesting personal collections in the library exhibit case. The library is taking reservations for 2004. Collections might include such things as lunch boxes, rock memorabilia, dolls, Pez dispensers, etc. The collection will display for a month in a locked case. Contact Ronnie Davis at the Albany Library 510-526-3720, ext. 16 or e-mail rdavis@aclibrary.org.

Dance to a DJ and learn salsa steps

Demonstrations of steps by the Bay Area's top salsa dancers will be featured at a dance party (with a DJ) Saturday Feb. 22, from 8 to 11:30 p.m. Doors open at 7 p.m. for dessert bar. Organizers say the evening, a fund-raiser for the Albany High athletics program, will be an easy way to get started salsa dancing and learn a few steps, and also a little about the instructors and dance studios. It is open for those age 16 and up. Admission is \$15 per person or \$25 per couple. Albany High Events Room, 603 Key Route Blvd. Details: 510-525-2716.

Two memorials will honor Meniketti

Two events are scheduled to honor the memory of the late Dario Meniketti, who died Dec. 5, at age 87. The first is a "Clean-Up Albany Day" since, among his many contributions, Meniketti was known for keeping the city clean. Participants will gather at the Albany Chamber of Commerce, 1108 Solano Ave., at 10 a.m. Sunday, Feb. 2, and are asked to bring trash bags and gloves. For information: 510-525-1771. The second tribute is a public memorial at the Albany Community Center, 1249 Marin Ave., Saturday, Feb. 15, at 2 p.m. Residents are asked to bring finger food and refreshments. For information: 510-527-5583.

Poetry takes stage at the Albany Library

The Albany Library offers many ways to encourage the inner poet to emerge. First Thursdays features open mic and featured poet. February's event is Thursday, Feb. 6 from 7 to 9 p.m. in the Edith Stone Room, with featured poet Lynne Knight. Second Wednesdays are a drop-in poetry writing workshop, for all ages, led by Alison Seevak. Due to the holiday, February's session will be held Feb. 19 from 7 to 9 p.m., in the Edith Stone Room. Second Saturdays are a drop-in Poetry Writing Workshop for grades 4-8, also led by Alison Seevak. February's event is Feb. 8 from 2 to 4 p.m. All three events are free and ongoing. Light refreshments will be served. The Albany Library is at 1247 Marin Ave. Details: 510-526-3720 ext. 20.

Chamber holds a Day at the Races

Albany Day at the Races will be held Saturday, Feb. 22 at Golden Gate Fields. The Albany Chamber of Commerce will be distributing tickets to all chamber members and others in the community who would like to attend. The tickets are good for free general admission at Golden Gate Fields. There will be a special section designated for Albanians, on the south side of the track. The first race is at 12:45 p.m., but visitors are welcome to come to the track beginning at 11:30 a.m. Children are welcome, though due to the chamber's limited budget and the fact that it is giving away tickets this year, the group will be unable to provide any special entertainment for kids this year, said James Carter, organization's executive director. For ticket information call: 510-525-1771, or send an e-mail to albanychamber@bigplanet.com

El Cerrito

Colorful shrubs and more at garden club

The El Cerrito Garden Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Feb. 13, in the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. Following the business meeting and serving of refreshments, Aerin Moore, from Magic Gardens Nursery of Richmond, will present a program on "Early Spring Perennial and Shrub Color." Guests are welcome; \$3 at the door. Details: 510-234-0135. — Alan Lopez

Richmond

Workshop for high school parents

West Contra Costa Adult Education will hold a workshop Thursday, Feb. 27, from 7 to 9 p.m. for parents of seventh-, eighth- and ninth-graders to help them choose middle school and high school courses and activities their student might consider for a successful school experience, while laying the groundwork for applying to college. The workshop will meet in Room 1 at the Alvarado Adult Campus, 5625 Sutter St., Richmond. The parking lot is accessible off San Mateo St. To register, call 510-215-4666 ext. 0 or 510-559-2660 ext. 0. Due to current financial constraints on the school district, and contrary to the winter catalogue listing, the district is charging \$10 per parent, payable prior to this workshop. Instructor Jim Walker, has 25 years experience in college admissions counseling, and is a past middle and high school administrator. He is currently in private practice as a college admissions counselor, and a reader of UC Berkeley applications.



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ALBANY POLICE

Monday, Jan. 20

■ **DUI** — In the afternoon, officers stopped a white '77 Honda near Stannage Avenue and Garfield Street for a vehicle code violation. The driver, an El Cerrito man, 27, was arrested for DUI.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

■ **ARREST** — Officers assisted UC police in apprehending a subject in UC Village suspected of involvement in a recent crime wave in the area.
■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — At about 2 a.m. officers arrested a Richmond man for disorderly conduct when he was found lying down near San Pablo and Monroe avenues. He was found to be intoxicated.
■ **MAIL THEFT** — Shortly before midnight a resident on the 800 block of Cornell Avenue reported that mail had been stolen from his mailbox.

Wednesday, Jan. 22

■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — A Hercules man reported thieves had stolen tools from his unlocked white Ford van parked in front of Albany Middle School, where he worked.
■ **DISORDERLY CONDUCT** — At about 9:30 p.m. officers responded to reports of two subjects walking north on San Carlos Street who appeared to be intoxicated and who were yelling racial slurs at a woman and her grandmother. One of the subjects, a 17-year-old Albany boy, was

found to be sober and was released. The other subject, an 18-year-old Richmond man, was arrested for disorderly conduct, cited and released.

Thursday, Jan. 23

■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — At about 1 a.m. San Pablo police reported locating a gray '86 Honda Civic reported as stolen from Albany. The vehicle was not damaged and the owner was notified.
■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A resident on the 700 block of Solano Avenue reported a brown Buick had been parked in the garage area the previous day and all four wheels were missing. Officers towed the car and a check found it had been reported as stolen from Oakland three days prior.
■ **THEFT** — A resident on the 1400 block of Sonoma Avenue reported thieves stole the rear license plate from his maroon '88 Honda Accord.
■ **THEFT** — An Albany Middle School teacher reported her wallet was stolen.

Friday, Jan. 24

■ **ROBBERY** — An Albany man reported that at about 12:30 a.m., while he was sleeping in a green '01 Mitsubishi parked near Masonic Avenue and Dartmouth Street, he was confronted by a man who put a knife to his throat and demanded money. He described the attacker as a black male adult wearing a blue or green hooded jacket with a mask. The victim was able to pull away and he last

saw the attacker standing near the BART path. Police are investigating.

■ **DUI** — About 2 a.m. a resident on the 800 block of Madison Street reported a dark green Jeep had just hit a parked car, pushing it into a telephone pole and causing damage. The subject in the Jeep was last seen walking south toward Solano Avenue. The caller was able to give officers the license number of the Jeep. Officers located and arrested a 29-year-old Richmond man for DUI.
■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — A resident on the 900 block of Hillside Avenue reported that thieves had broken into her red '91 Acura.
■ **ASSAULT** — About 7:45 p.m. a Richmond woman reported she had been mugged by an attacker with a gun about 15 minutes prior while she was on the BART path near Albany Middle School. She described her attacker as a black male, age 15-20 and wearing a gray jogging suit.
■ **ROBBERY** — A few minutes later a victim reported being confronted by a black male, about 18 years old, clean shaven and wearing a hood. He had a gun and demanded money.

Saturday, Jan. 25

■ **DUI** — At 1:30 a.m. officers stopped a gold '88 Ford Escort near I-80 and the Buchanan Street interchange for erratic driving. The driver, a Richmond man, was arrested for DUI.
■ **OUTSTANDING WARRANTS** — Officers investigated reports of subjects sleeping in a blue tent near the creek at 535 Pierce St. Officers con-

tacted a 45-year-old transsexual and a check found she had standing Albany warrants, arrested for city ordinance violations.

Sunday, Jan. 26

■ **DUI** — About 2 a.m. officers stopped a green '93 Honda and the Buchanan Street interchange for speeding. The driver, a Pleasant Hill woman, was found to be intoxicated. She was arrested.
■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — During the night thieves stole a maroon Toyota Camry from the 800 block of Solano Avenue.
■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A ward police reported locating a '87 Toyota Camry stolen from the car was not damaged and the owner was notified.

Summary

During the week of Jan. 20, officers towed six vehicles, responded to false alarms, attended to the deceased animals and assisted a person looked out of her house from the domestic arena, officers responded to 12 civil disturbances, made 133 civil arrests, officers stopped 66 vehicles and citations, issuing 34 citations and citations. Albany firefighters responded to two fire emergencies and nine medical emergencies.

EL CERRITO POLICE

Monday, Jan. 13

■ **ASSAULT** — A man was arrested on suspicion of trying to run someone over with his vehicle after police responded to an altercation at San Pablo and Central avenues.

Friday, Jan. 17

■ **DRUG POSSESSION** — A man was arrested on an outstanding warrant and for possession of drug paraphernalia and a controlled substance on the 900 block of Galvin Drive at 8:56 p.m.
■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1993 Honda Accord was stolen from Krugen Auto Parts between 11 a.m. and 5:45 p.m.

Saturday, Jan. 18

■ **THEFT** — About \$23,000 in property was stolen from a shed on the 7700 block of Terrace Drive between 2:30 p.m. on Jan. 18 and 10 a.m. the next day.
■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1989 Honda Accord was stolen from the 2300 block of Alva Avenue sometime between 5 p.m. on Jan. 18 and 8 a.m. the next day.
■ **SHOPLIFTING** — A Richmond man was arrested on suspicion of shoplifting at Target at 7:50 p.m.

Sunday, Jan. 19

■ **THEFT** — Power tools were stolen from a garage on the 1300 block of Contra Costa Drive sometime between 9 p.m. on Jan. 19 and 6 a.m. the next day.
■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A stolen 1986 Toyota van was recovered on the 2600 block of Tulare Avenue. The vehicle was reported stolen Jan. 15.

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 17-year-old boy fled after he was stopped while driving a stolen vehicle at 6:40 a.m. on the 1700 block of Liberty Street. The boy was later arrested in the same area and confessed to stealing the vehicle the same day.
■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A stolen 1990 Honda Accord was located on the 2400 block of Mira Vista Drive. The vehicle was reported stolen in Albany on Jan. 18.

Monday, Jan. 20

■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1993 Toyota pickup was stolen from the 700 block Gelston Place between 9:30 p.m. on Jan. 20 and 5:30 a.m. the next day.
■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A stolen 1989 Honda Accord was recovered on the 2200 block of Alva Avenue at 3:06 a.m.
■ **THEFT** — A woman's purse was stolen by two male juveniles riding bicycles on Portola Drive at Liberty Street at 6:56 p.m. The woman was knocked to the ground and the purse was taken from her arm.
■ **THEFT** — Three bicycles worth a total of \$1,800 were taken from an open garage on the 2300 block of Mono Avenue between 8:03 p.m. on Jan. 20 and 7:30 a.m. the next day.

Tuesday, Jan. 21

■ **BURGLARY** — Portable CD players and CDs were taken from two unlocked vehicles in the driveway of a home on the 1300 block of Riffe Range Road between 10 p.m. on Jan. 21 and 5:45 a.m. the next day. The garage of the home was also entered but it was unknown if there was any loss. Also, a 1993 four-door Saturn, stolen from Fairfield the previous day

was left in front of the home.
■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1989 Toyota Camry was stolen from the 2000 block of Key Boulevard between 3 p.m. on Jan. 21 and noon the next day.
■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A four-door 1990 Honda Accord was stolen from the 6500 block of Hagen Boulevard between 5 p.m. on Jan. 21 and 8 a.m. the next day.
■ **BIKE THEFT** — Two mountain bikes were stolen from an unlocked garage on the 5800 block of Alta Punta between 5:30 p.m. on Jan. 21 and 9:30 a.m. on Jan. 23.

Wednesday, Jan. 22

■ **ROBBERY** — A man forced a woman to the ground and stole her backpack and umbrella on the 6500 block of Hill Street. The man fled north on the BART path. The umbrella was recovered near the station.
■ **ROBBERY** — A man approached a woman in front of Cal Fed Bank at El Cerrito Plaza and grabbed the woman's purse. After a struggle the man took the purse, jumped into a blue Ford Taurus wagon driven by an accomplice and fled toward Albany.
■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1993 Acura Integra was stolen from the 900 block of Avis between 6:30 p.m. on Jan. 22 and 6:30 a.m. the next day. The owner located the vehicle on the same block of Avis 30 minutes after reporting the vehicle stolen to police.

■ **BURGLARY** — A home on the 2600 block of La Honda Avenue was ransacked and jewelry taken between 7:40 a.m. and 12:25 p.m.
■ **BURGLARY** — A cordless DVD player and camera were stolen from a home on the 900 block of Contra Costa Drive at 9:40 a.m. home was entered by pry rear sliding glass door.

Thursday, Jan. 23

■ **VEHICLE RANSACKED** — A car on the 500 block of Oak Avenue was ransacked at about 11 a.m. but nothing was stolen.
■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — A stereo was stolen from a Tahoe on the 6700 block of Lane between 7 p.m. on Jan. 9 a.m. the next day.
■ **VEHICLE BURGLARY** — A window of a 2001 Saab was broken and a purse stolen on the 1000 block of Tapscott between 3:50 and 4:00 p.m.
■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1991 Accord was stolen from the 1000 block of Harris Avenue sometime between 12:01 and 8:50 a.m.
■ **VEHICLE RECOVERED** — A stolen 1994 Saturn was recovered on the 5300 block of Rosalind Avenue. The vehicle had been in Pinole on Jan. 20.
■ **VEHICLE THEFT** — A 1991 Camry was stolen from the 6500 block of Street between 5:45 and 6:15 p.m. It was later recovered in Richmond.

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Music: Key to youth at 100

Loretta Martin started playing piano during the Truman Administration, when Truman was in and she's still going

By Marion Fay
CORRESPONDENT

Music is my religion," says Loretta Martin. "I'm a pianist and violinist who has played chamber music with several mornings a week. Loretta Martin celebrated her birthday on Jan. 16. She performs as well as she plays, pointing to a small, curled left pinkie that she says makes it hard to reach all the way to the piano chord. And she says, "just can't move my hand" to get in all the notes.

She says she does — her favorite composers are Brahms and Beethoven — and she's proud that her passion for music is the main reason why she has lived so long. She had started studying piano at age 13 and within several years was giving recitals at the Salt Lake City. She moved from the McCune School of Music there, and then to California in 1934. She married to-be, Arista, a businessman and artist, in 1946 and they married on Jan. 16, 1946.

She worked as secretary and director of the UC Berkeley seismic station for 22 years, but she always found time for music.

In the early 1950s painting and her husband met a fellow musician, a resident Bob who also played the pi-

ano, is in frequent use. In 1981, she's working on Mozart's Sonata No. 15 with two violinists. Not only does this "religion" deeply engage her mind, heart and body, it also involves creating sustained bonds with others, she says.

On Monday mornings, Martin plays duets with violinist and long-time friend Clarissa Salter, of El Cerrito. After several hours of music, they go out together for lunch and shopping. On Friday mornings, Martin and her violinist friends, Clarissa and Carolyn, carpool to the Oakland Community Orchestra rehearsal.

A member since the late 1980s, she plays violin — in defiance of temperamental fingers. Loretta carries her own violin case, walks unaided, and



LORETTA MARTIN, 100, practices a Mozart piece in her Richmond home, accompanied by friend Marga Stone of El Cerrito, accompanying her on violin.

in 1981.

Lush landscapes, semi-cubist works and cityscapes in watercolor and in oil — paintings by Arista and Bob Walen — adorn Martin's home. Books are shelved everywhere, and several violins made by Arista are on display. The living room centerpiece, a 42-year old piano, is in frequent use.

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participates in at least five concerts a year.

A recent performance involved playing hymns during the Sunday service at the First Congregational Church in Oakland. Other orchestral concerts are given at residential retirement centers.

Martin, however, has no plans to move to such a residence.

"I've never thought about leaving my own home," she asserts. "If I didn't have music, my thinking might be different. But, as it is, I don't ever get bored, and I've always got to practice, both the piano and the violin. I probably wouldn't be allowed to play my instruments in a retirement home," Martin says, "because the sound might bother others."

An intellectually curious and dedicated reader, she prefers nonfiction, history and biography in particular, and has just finished reading a book that covers the span of her own life, "The Century," by Peter Jennings and Todd Brewster.

Martin always wants to know what her friends are reading and relishes dialogue

about their mutual reflections. She records thoughts and feelings in a journal she's been keeping for 40 years.

Martin has never driven a car, and, until a few years ago, walked to a nearby grocery store for daily supplies. Nowadays, various friends provide transport for errands and appointments, but she prepares her own meals, keeps house and supervises household repairs.

She doesn't cook on Friday nights, though. Come what may, she goes out to dinner with a group of friends in a tradition now in its 52nd year.

As her 100th birthday approached, she was "a little apprehensive" about being the center of attention, she admitted. Yet she also believes her longevity is "in some ways kind of handy. People are always pleasant to me. I get lots of senior discounts, and I always get to sit in the front seat of cars."

Priest marks 50 years of dedicated service

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to Monsignor Bernard Moran, the pastor of St. Theresa's Parish in upper Rockridge. Last Friday he celebrated the 50th anniversary of his ordination.

He was ordained on Jan. 24, 1953, at St. Mary's Church in San Francisco, along with another young seminarian named John Cummins, who is now Bishop of the Diocese of Oakland. (So happy anniversary to you, too, Bishop Cummins.)

Msgr. Moran celebrated last week with a Mass of Thanksgiving on Sunday, with many VIPs — including Bishop Cummins — in attendance. But on the day of the anniversary itself, he chose to celebrate a special Mass with the most important people of all: the children of the parish. "They're what it's all about, anyway," he explains.

Twenty-one of those 50 years have been spent at St. Theresa's, and there have been many memorable moments, including a visit by the relics of St. Theresa herself in 2000.

But the most memorable of all was the horrible Oakland hills firestorm in 1991. "Until it crossed Highway 24, the fire was almost entirely within the boundaries of our parish," he says. "More than 240 of our parishioners lost their homes."

The fire broke out on a Sunday morning. It kept coming closer and closer, but Msgr. Moran refused to leave. Finally, at 6:30, the firefighters ordered him out. "I didn't know if anything would still be there when I got back," he says.

Since St. Theresa was a Carmelite nun, urgent phone calls went out to Carmelite convents all over the western United States, asking the sisters to pray to the saint and ask her to intercede with God on behalf of the church and its parishioners.

Sure enough, when Msgr. Moran was finally allowed to return on Wednesday, he was amazed to find the church was still there.

But the greater miracle was what happened inside the hearts of the parishioners. They dug deep into their pockets and pitched in with their labor to help all who were made homeless — Catholic or not.

"It was the most amazing experience I ever had," says Msgr. Moran. "Petty things went right out the door."

One parishioner who lost his home was a man named John Anderson. Instead of rebuilding, he gave the lot to St. Theresa's. And the money from the sale of that lot was used to



MARTIN SNAPP
Snapp Shots

buy the exquisite stained glass windows that now adorn the church.

Scattered throughout the windows are small bits of red glass, symbolizing rose petals. "Just before St. Theresa died, she promised that when she met God, she would 'let fall from Heaven a shower of roses,'" explains Msgr. Moran.

The windows were dedicated on Oct. 1, 1996, the Feast of St. Theresa. A plaque reads, "May the stained glass windows of this church ever be a reminder of the intercessory prayers that sustained the people of St. Theresa Parish during the firestorm of 1991. And by this enhancement of our worship space, may we become a more prayerful community."

Msgr. Moran is 75, the age at which (by Church law) he must retire. A new priest will be appointed, and Msgr. Moran will stay on for a few months to show him the ropes. After that, he'll keep contributing as much as his health allows — and as much as the new priest wants him to.

"I never had any great ambition to be a high Church prelate," he says. "When I was a young man, I realized that God made us to love, know and serve him in this world, and to be happy with him in the next. And I decided the best thing I could do with my life would be to help people to see that."

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When Bobby Astleford walked into the Good Feet Store a few months ago, he was looking for relief. As a golf teaching professional at El Camino Country Club, Bobby spends all day on his feet. "I had chronic back pain and a lot of joint trauma," Astleford said. "And, my knees have been operated on five times."

"A friend of mine, another golf pro, had suggested that the Good Feet Store products might help my back and knee pain," Astleford said.

Astleford described the kind of pain he was experiencing and the kind of work he did to Oakland Good Feet Store owners, Erik and Glenn Krupp. "They made measurements of my feet and had me try on several pairs of arch supports," Astleford said. "My feet are on the flat side so the supports felt a little funny at first, but within days I had gotten used to them. Since then, the relief has been tremendous."

Astleford reports that the supports have improved his posture so his back and joints no longer hurt.

"It's similar to what I teach golfers," Astleford said. "I'll help them correct their swing, which prevents injury and improves their game. The Good Feet Store arch supports correct my balance and spine alignment, which prevents stress on my joints and relieves my pain."

"My supports can be worn in all my shoes, including my clogs, so I can get the benefit not only on the golf course, but throughout the day," Astleford said.

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"... were it left to me to decide whether we should have a government without newspapers, or newspapers without a government, I should not hesitate a moment to prefer the latter."

— Thomas Jefferson

EDITORIAL

City makes right move on Cafe Eclectica's noise issues

POSSIBLY THE TOP priority in Albany is the welfare of its children. It's a community concern that has led to all kinds of things: traffic-calming on busy streets where kids walk to school; efforts to get more playing fields built; fund-raising shows with top-name performers to save school music programs.

And last week, the City Council properly reflected that community priority by approving an entertainment permit for Cafe Eclectica, so that the teen hangout could stay open.

Even when they start looking and acting more like adults, teen-agers are still those young people the city values. They need a safe place in the city to congregate, and to enjoy each other's company and the kind of entertainment they like — even if it drives older folks up a wall.

Though Eclectica has been in operation since 2000, no one at the city remembered that it would need this permit — mainly because so few businesses in town offer live music. The last entertainment permit was issued in 1995.

The issue was aired at the Jan. 21 council meeting after neighbors of the Solano Avenue cafe complained about the high-decibel entertainment intruding on everyday activities — such as sleeping.

Also properly, the cafe's management and the City Council took neighbors' complaints seriously. The cafe has agreed that during loud shows its doors and windows will be closed, and the outdoor patio won't be used.

It also will monitor noise levels and meet with residents to find out what else it can do about the problem.

Meanwhile, the city will review the permit in six months, or sooner if there are traffic, parking or other violations.

There are some signs that some neighbors still aren't happy with the noise levels, so this is probably not the last we've heard about the issue.

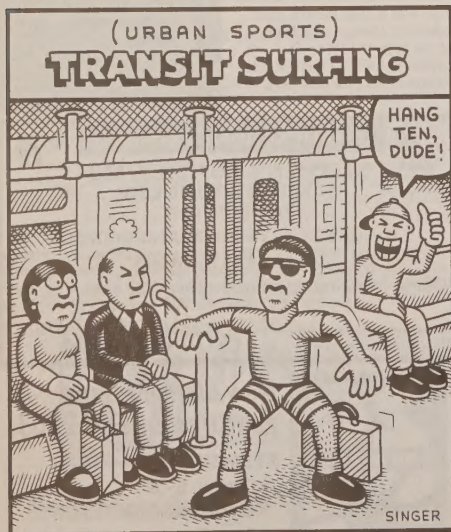
Those who support live shows at Cafe Eclectica must, if they're not neighbors of the place themselves, put themselves in the neighbors' place.

The entertainment permit, which should have been issued when the cafe opened, is the right first step to keep open a safe place for young people to gather.

In the next phase, the city and the cafe need to make sure the cafe can also be a good neighbor by continuing to hear what neighbors have to say — even over all that noise.

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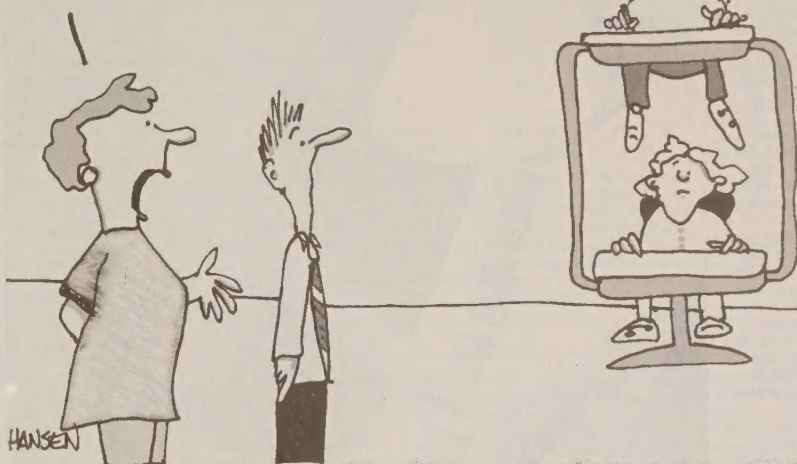
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STATE CUTS BUDGETS TO SCHOOLS

IT'S AN OPTION IF WE HAVE TO GO TO LARGER CLASSES.



LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

First things first

Reader Art Schroeder is right in his assertion that El Cerrito needs a city hall (letters, Jan. 17), but hardly for the reason he cites: to gain "the attention and respect of potential developers."

It appears the majority of our City Council — Mark Friedman, Janet Abelson, Letitia Moore and Sandi Potter — have already seen fit to gain developers' attention by using developer money to defeat former Councilwoman Kathie Perka.

Friedman, in the last election, which is meant to be non-partisan, saw fit to send letters to Democratic party voters pointing out that Perka is a Republican. Friedman and Abelson saw fit to send letters only to Democratic voters. Was developer money used to finance the mailing of these letters?

I, for one, have little doubt that that is so, as reference to election documents filed with the city just days before the election show such to be the case.

I submit the city would be better served if the present council majority would see fit to concentrate on fixing our city streets (as advocated by then-council member Perka) and pay less attention to "gaining the attention and respect of potential developers," which they already apparently have.

William P. Olivito
El Cerrito

Exercise in arrogance

The case being made by the Bush administration for going to war with Iraq is an exercise in arrogance, simplistic thinking and fear-mongering.

There are, however, many people sufficiently impressed by this new style of leadership. In this new form, the statesman replaces diplomacy with bullying, replaces restraint with pre-emptive-strike rhetoric, and concern for the well-being of all is replaced with short-sighted self-interest.

One of the signs at the Jan. 18 peace demonstration speaks for me: "Whoa, Cowboy." My apologies to cowboys who don't identify with this stereotype.

Ron Greenstein
El Cerrito

Suggested improvements

Here are my suggestions for political improvements in 2003.

Cut taxes.

Stop school administration.

Stop the insane practice of our federal, state, county and city governments passing so many stupid, costly laws. We can't afford them. We don't need them. Last year, California passed more than 1,000 new laws. Insanity!

Change the crazy environmental laws so we can build more dams and highways. We need more water and I'm tired of gridlock every day.

Get rid of the Endangered Species Act. Humans are more valuable than bugs, birds, frogs, flies, gnats, fish and weeds. Bio-diversity is humans, as well as all living things, enjoying life together.

Stop the mergers of big corporations. When the Clinton administration raised taxes so high and then allowed 19 mergers of our biggest corporations, it created a false economy that forced a stock-market crash during Clinton's last year. We lost trillions of dollars from American

pension plans and millions of good jobs.

Make drugs legal so we can save law-enforcement money. The war against drugs has not worked and we are losing thousands of our young Americans every year. In Oakland, 114 people were murdered last year and more than 1,000 were killed in Los Angeles County.

Ella Jensen
El Cerrito

Reason behind numbers

A recent news article covered television late-night news ratings. The article focused on the change in ratings one year after the KNTV affiliation switched to NBC and KRON went independent.

Ratings compared 2002 to 2001 viewership. The article avoided discussing the significant declines in viewership during this one-year period.

Here is the missing discussion, along with an explanation for the declines. Using media data, the 11 p.m. time slot (shared by KRON, KGO, KPIX and KNTV) had a 10 percent decline in viewership. These declines are because viewers are turning to legitimate sources for news. News obtained from radio talk shows has doubled. The fair and balanced Fox News has risen to be the top rated TV news network.

The 10 p.m. time slot, occupied exclusively by KTVU, experienced a 20 percent decline (twice the decline of the 11 p.m. slot). The additional decline is because the San Francisco Chronicle now controls KTVU and their news programming reflects the left-tilted philosophy of the paper. Viewers are changing to fair and balanced news sources.

Hal Schultz
El Cerrito

Good taxes!

Let's look at this discussion over the SUV in a more objective manner and put it to rest. Let it be noted that I have two sons and a grandson working — and earning big bucks — at Ford Motor Co.

I believe people should be allowed to drive anything they wish, whether it is a small compact car, such as I have (40 miles to the gallon), an SUV or a cement truck.

I also believe that to alleviate the dismal budget problems here in California, an added tax of at least 50 cents be added to each gallon of gas. I also believe in raising the tax on cigarettes by \$1.10, as proposed — in fact, I think that additional tax should be \$2 per pack.

Vehicle license fees should be raised and they should be based on the weight and value of the vehicle. And how adding a tax of about \$1 to each bottle of liquor or six-pack of beer?

How could anyone be angry with a

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Hardly a case

Iraq has basically cooperated with inspectors, who have found no real evidence of forbidden weapons. By contrast, Korea has expelled arms inspectors thought to already possess nuclear weapons. The Bush administration is treating Korea with kid gloves, offering economic aid.

Military officials, active and retired, stated that we can best prevent Saddam Hussein from using any hidden weapons mass destruction by continuing our "containment" policy.

If Saddam's access to such weapons is worrisome (and it is), why did former presidents Reagan and Bush (senior) build up his military?

Why did the Reagan-Bush administration, including Donald Rumsfeld, the general's envoy to Saddam, give him billions of dollars in aid and help him build chemical weapons?

If Saddam's rule is threatening, why did Bush Sr., Richard Cheney (his defense secretary), and Colin Powell (his top officer) deliberately leave Saddam in power after the 1991 Gulf war?

We could save much trouble and innocent lives (American and Iraqi) by simply rounding up Reagan, Bush Sr., Rumsfeld and Powell. Then prosecute them in the United States for treason, or World Court for complicity in crimes against humanity.

Michael
Berkeley

Peace parade?

Ever notice that when the anti-war crowd ends their "peace" parade, the place looks like a war-zone?

Bill Mc
Albany

Bishops flout U.S. law

Endless reports of pedophilia in the Catholic Church aren't bad enough publicity — the deaf Catholic Church also welcomes legal aliens when millions of American citizens are unemployed in a shrinking economy.

The church's open-borders immigration philosophy is hardly generous. Instead it is focused on bringing Catholics into America and filling the pews abandoned by American Catholics disgusted with the church's hypocritical moral failure. According to the Conference of Catholic Bishops, 71 percent of the clergy in the U.S. Catholic Church since 1960 are immigrants.

The Vatican has just announced a special interest with an agenda of bringing the general good. In many cases, the illegal aliens so esteemed by the church work for minimal wages and displaced black Americans, who are mostly non-Catholic.

The Vatican should remember that it is not a democracy. It is a monarchy. Caesar that which is Caesar's. The law of the land. The church has no right to harm Americans and no laws just so its numbers can increase.

Brenda
Berkeley

Racial issues challenge educators, researchers

ST WEEK, I spent Monday at a Martin Luther King celebration in El Cerrito. The event was heavily attended by students and school staff. Wednesday, I attended a session at the Cerrito High led by educators who wrote a book titled, "Because of the Differences in Schools."



BETTY KING BUGINAS
Schools

Wednesday afternoon, I was at a discussion on how to use the district's goal of "Achievement" at my Thursday afternoon I attended a Stanford University-Costa Unified District study group on race and teaching in classrooms.

There is a lot of diversity in there my opinion for the two-day discussion. The Impact on Achievement" focused in the mail.

The district doesn't have all the issues surrounding diversity in the classroom clearly we're talking about the role of race in education. One of the most important issues at the Stanford group is that being effective in a diverse population is a complex task that thinking, and I don't see that everyone the

Rose Markus, a Stanford psychologist, said it may be uncomfortable for us to think everyone is different. But the research presented suggests not everyone is the same. The studies indicate that while students tend to value diversity as a personal choice, they are doing while performing a task, in this case American students' different preferences.

Markus given a session, she notes that who share the teacher's social class background take for granted being in the classroom, while students' experiences are quite different.

M. Steele, also a psychology professor, notes that students' awareness of stereotypes, and fearing those negative stereotypes, can cause them to be less well on a task or equally qualified.

He has conducted re-orienting this theory to African-American students' women.

The good news, he says, is that if you can remove this "stereotype threat," performance should improve. He said one way to remove the threat is with the way teachers speak to their students. In research in which critical feedback on essays was given to minority students, it was not effective to just give the feedback without preamble, and it wasn't effective to start with positive feedback and then go to the critical feedback. What was effective in building trust, he said, was to say, "We use high standards, but I think you can meet those standards, and I'll let you see how."

In another study, African-American respondents were given brochures about companies. If the brochures featured a diverse population in the photographs, the respondents tended to trust those companies regardless of the wording of the brochure. In brochures where the photos did not reflect a diverse population, respondents were more likely to trust the company if the brochure stated the company valued diversity, over the brochures for the company claiming to be colorblind.

An article by Steele that was handed out at the session is at www.theatlantic.com/issues/99a/ug/9908stereotype.htm. The two women who made the presentation at El Cerrito High add another perspective. Karen Manheim Teel in both the book and presentation shares the misconceptions she had about teaching African-American students and the progress she made by opening her classroom to the observations of her co-author, Jennifer E. Obidah, who is African American.

The two encourage other educators to reflect on how their own background influences their perceptions and interactions with students. They encourage other teachers to open their classroom doors and allow colleagues to observe and provide feedback.

Betty King Buginas is a teacher in the West Contra Costa Unified School District.

Reading aloud can create lifelong impressions

Quote of the week:
"It had been startling and disappointing to me to find out that story books had been written by people, that books were not natural wonders, coming of themselves like grass."
— Eudora Welty, 1909-2001



JULIE WINKELSTEIN
At the Library

YEARS OF READING aloud to my children and my younger brothers before that has left fragments of books in my head, which can suddenly appear, prompted by some feeling or object.

For instance, at the end of a particularly tiring day I'll find myself thinking "What a day Dad had." (Recognize it?) Not exactly appropriate, since I'm a mom, but there it is. Or I'll come across a lone button and the plaintive words "That's not my button, my button is round" will go through my mind. (Or this one?)

I loved reading books to my children partly, I think, because my parents read to me. But I also loved it because reading-aloud is an entertainment that demands so little and provides so much. In 1986's "Becoming

a Nation of Readers," the Commission on Reading called reading aloud to children "the single most important activity for building the knowledge required for success in reading." (United States Department of Education Web site). And as Jim Trelease says in his "Read Aloud Handbook": "Reading aloud is a commercial for reading..."

When I was the coordinator for Family Library for Alameda County, we had a reading-aloud program for incarcerated parents and their children. But in this case, the parents read a picture book into a tape recorder and then we sent the tape and the book to their children. Sometimes the parents would read each other's books, to make the tape longer, and I remember one

year they also sang songs. It was a wonderful way to reinforce the importance of reading, while also providing a connection between parent and child — not to mention the pleasure it gave these families.

I mention all of this because I've been thinking about the one program most consistently offered by a library — story time. This can take several forms, including toddler times, preschool hours and lapsits.

The Contra Costa County Library system has many of these, with target ages running from birth to age 5 and with names like "Patty Cakes" (my favorite) and "Pajama Story Time." Richmond Public Library has story times at all of its branches, for ages 5 and under.

The Alameda County Library has Preschool Programs (3 to 5 years) and Toddler Programs (12 to 36 months). In the description of its Toddler Program, the Dublin Library includes this request, which I love: "One child per adult, please. Each child needs a lap to sit on."

This past summer the Al-

bany Library also had a new program called "Read Me a Story" in which readers ages 10 to 18 were available each afternoon to read to younger children in the library.

All of these are versions of a simple truism: Book plus reader plus listener equals program. In our commercialized and sometimes frightening world, I find this constant a comfort.

READER REVIEW: Today's book review is from Mary and the book is "The Fire This Time," by Ramsey Clark. It's nonfiction and appropriate for high school students to adults. Mary says this book is about "Iraq — what it is like there since we have destroyed so much of their country." One word she would use to describe it is "honest" and she recommends it because "we should know about Iraq."

At the Library appears weekly. Julie Winkelstein can be reached at the Albany Library or at jwinkelstein@aclibrary.org

EL CERRITO SCHOOL NEWS

Madera Elementary

PTA MEETINGS: Parents are invited to attend monthly PTA meetings, held the first Monday of each month at 7:15 p.m. in the child care building.

JOUSTING FOR MADRA: Ladies and their spouses will spend a "knight" in medieval England at the annual Madera Auction on April 5 at Mira Vista Country Club. State budget cuts mean this fund-raiser, Madera PTA's biggest, is more critical than ever. Scores of donated goods and services have arrived on white chargers: now's the time for local merchants and entrepreneurs to show support by pledging merchandise or classes, a fine meal or a fun outing, or hours of your professional time. If you know of a merchant willing to make a donation, contact auction co-chairs Donna

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CRANK UP THE CART: Madera PTA is taking scrip orders from families that shop at El Cerrito Natural Grocery and the Berkeley Bowl. You can also benefit Madera when you shop at Albertsons, Safeway and Andronico's and use eScrip or by Schoolpop.com when you shop online, or through merchant partnership programs. Contact Maureen Hayes (510-525-7084) or Amy Wilson (510-525-0695) to enroll.

A SLICE OF PIE: Every first Friday of the month, order pizza from Pizza Roma in the Safeway shopping center on Mosser Lane and Madera gets a piece of the pepperoni. See you Feb. 7!

Portola Middle School

ALL THAT JAZZ: Mark your calendars and buy your tickets now for the Yoshi's Jazz Event at 8 p.m. Monday, Feb. 10, for the Portola and El Cerrito High School Jazz bands and 10 p.m. Feb. 10 for the El Cerrito High School Jazz Bands. Tickets are \$10 per person for each show. Contact Ellie Mishima at 510-234-0400 for tickets.

NEWSLETTER: The next Portola PTA newsletter will be distributed in early February. Teachers, parents, staff and students are all invited to send articles about events, activities and accomplishments. Send them to Sheila Tarbet at starbet@att.net, by Jan 28.

TALK TO SCHOOL LEADERS: New school board president Patricia Player invites the community to discuss the work of the district in an informal setting at Portola Middle School from 9:30-11 a.m. Saturday, Feb. 1, in the library, 1021 Naville St. at Mosser in El Cerrito. The panel includes: Player, school board president; Charles Ramsey, school board trustee; and Gloria Johnston, superintendent.

DIRECT APPEAL PROGRAM: With the inevitable state budget cuts affecting our children's education, your contribution to the Portola PTA's Direct Appeal Program is appreciated more than ever! All donations go into the PTA's general fund. Monies have been spent in the past on books for the library, school improvements, classroom supplies for teachers and other materials the district cannot provide.

ALBANY PTA NEWS

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Feb. 1, Blues Concert to benefit Albany Music Fund featuring Norton Buffalo, Elvin Bishop and Turtle Island String Quartet, 7:30 p.m., AHS Gym, \$10/Students, \$20/bleachers, \$25/main floor, for reservations call 510-559-8474 or e-mail: albanymusic@hotmail.com

Feb. 3, PTA meets, 7 p.m., AHS Library

Feb. 6, Instructional Improvement Committee, 7 p.m., Asst. Prin. Conf. Room

Feb. 7-15: Student Musical "Guys and Dolls," 8 p.m. Feb. 7 and 14; 2 p.m. and 8 p.m. Feb. 8 and 15; 5 p.m. Feb. 9, AHS Little Theater, Tickets \$10

adults, \$5 students and seniors, to reserve tickets call 510-558-2575

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Three recent deaths touch the community

WHEN YOU REACH my advanced age, you dare not skip the obituaries in the paper each day. Sadly, recently within just over a week, three names jumped out at me. Three people who had had a part in the lives of my late husband, Joseph Genser, and me. Good people who led good lives.

First there was Donald Frost. It was just at the end of World War II and all of us had returned from the service and were starting our lives. A group of us formed a local chapter of the American Veterans Committee. We were conscious of and proud of being "Citizens First, Veterans Second," and eager to take part in the affairs of our community, state and nation. We met in our home, probably because we were the only veteran couple among us. Young, eager and anxious to make meaningful lives.

Don and his brother John were among the group, and Don was one of our stalwarts. It was a great, active organization, taking part in many community state and national activities. But by the time Don met and married his Lois, a local teacher, we were beginning to fall apart, going our separate ways. But we did well, and made our mark on the affairs of the day.

John Thurbon was the next name. Joe, at the urging of his father and one of the local judges, had joined the Masons. Never one to just join, Joe was soon "going through the chairs." Jack Thurbon was already there, going through the chairs ahead of Joe. He soon became a friend and a mentor of my husband.

And his wife, Iona, who I noticed died not long before he did, was also active, and was one of those who taught me how to be a Master's wife. Since I was pregnant at the time, and new to such organizations, I needed all the help I could get, and Iona was gracious, friendly and kind.

And finally, there was that lovely lady, Inez Schuyten. At the time we met, Inez was a teacher at Roosevelt Junior High School in Richmond. A fine teacher and beloved by her students. Inez and her husband, John, then also a teacher, were already active in the West County community.

Ben Rust, a master teacher, and my husband, Joe, a lawyer, were starting to organize a teacher's union, a chapter of the American Federation of Teachers. Inez and John were among a small core of teachers who worked with them to make the new organization a vital, important part of the schools. It was a struggle, against many odds, but with all of the teachers working together it did work, and although the changes were slow and hard won, it was rewarding



CLARA-RAE GENSER
Community Folk

to see the increased recognition of teachers and some improvement in their working lives.

With the passing of the years, the Richmond Federation of Teachers morphed into a different union, but it has remained strong and an important part of the West Contra County schools.

The group that strove so hard to make it work became very good friends, and that friendship has lasted, although like Inez, several of them have since passed away. Inez and John had a beautiful life, many friends, three lovely daughters and beloved grandchildren.

Three fine people, whose lives touched so many. I salute them, I mourn them, and the world will miss them.

Do you know local people, places or groups that would make good column subjects? Write me at 555 Pierce St., No. 443, Albany, CA 94706, call 510-525-4585 or e-mail issgenser@aol.com.



Today's Real Estate in the East Bay by Marc Guay

THE MIRACLE OF LEVERAGING

Financial advice books often swoon over the wonders of compounding interest, bringing to mind a scene from Mary Poppins in which aged bankers attempt to convince young children of the excitement they'll feel as they watch their savings grow over the years. In truth, compounding interest is exciting once you have an actual experience of it. But when you add the miracle of leveraging, you really have something to shout about.

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EL CERRITO CHAMBER NEWS

By Sewall Glinternick

The El Cerrito Lions Club has named new Chamber president Dean Flint the 2003 Lion of the Year. A past Lions president, Flint is secretary of the service group. Flint, his wife, Vena, and former El Cerrito Mayor Roy Mespelt are leaders of the club's campaign to collect used eyeglasses for distribution to the poor in developing countries.

CHAMBER MIXERS: Bruce Kavic and John Zarich will host Chamber members and their

guests at their Mitsubishi Auto agency showroom at 11858 San Pablo Ave. from 5:30 to 7 p.m. on Wednesday, Feb. 19. Yan Can Restaurant, at 5020 El Cerrito Plaza, will host a mixer on Thursday, March 6, from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Celebrity chef Martin Yan will be on hand to greet participants.

BUSINESS LUNCHEON: Reservations are being accepted for the Chamber's Feb. 25 business luncheon to be held at the Mira Vista Golf & Country Club.

Guest speakers will be Chamber members Lisa Cain and

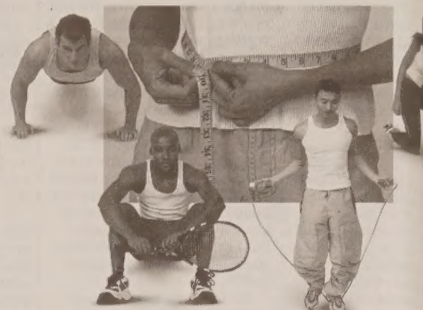
Aaron Gobler of Page Point Web Services. They will give an introduction to the Chamber Web site and talk about why businesses should be on the Web.

Make reservations by Friday, Feb. 21 by calling the Chamber. **MEMBERSHIP:** The Chamber reminds those who have not yet responded to their 2003 dues notice to do so as soon as possible, since dues go into the operating fund and are vital in helping the Chamber reach its annual goals. Dues may be paid in two installments.

DAY AT THE RACES: The Chamber has tickets available for the Chamber Day at the Races scheduled for Wednesday, March 6, Gate Fields. Admission is \$10 per person and includes parking, admission to the races and a luncheon in the Directors Room. Call the Chamber for reservations.

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Sara Steffens
STAFF WRITER

HEY STARE FROM photographs, immobilized, but their words reach out to clutch the viewer's throat.

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EXHIBIT

- **WHAT:** "In Memoriam: Remembering Those We've Lost"
- **WHERE:** The Richmond Art Center, 2540 Barrett Ave.
- **WHEN:** Opens today, continues through March 22. For gallery hours contact 510-620-6772 or www.therichmondartcenter.org.
- **CALL:** The Community Project, 510-524-8252

well for our students. We wanted to figure out a way that they could hold onto something."

Holland agrees, adding: "Because they are dead doesn't mean they no longer play a role in who you're becoming."

First, Dillof interviewed students and collaborated with them on a piece of text describing their experiences and feelings. Sometimes, the passages came from the teens' own writing; other times, the words were transcriptions of conversations.

Next, the students went to Holland to help plan a portrait location that would best capture the memory of the person who had been lost.

Susan Kim, a 2002 graduate of El Cerrito High, asked to join the project so she could revisit her feelings about her mother, who had died in a car accident in December 2000.

"I always feel like I'm sort of like grieving memories of her," says Kim, now a freshman at UC Berkeley. "As time goes on, I'm forgetting the way that she smells, and the way that she laughed. I'm just doing anything I can to hold onto her memory..."

"It's always hard for me to talk about her, but I think it was good. Just letting anything out helps, so it's not all bottled up."

When trying to settle on a place that would capture her mother's memory, Kim first mentioned her mother's gravesite. Later, she realized the right location was actually her church.

"It's kind of a realization that I have to make myself have over and over again, forgetting that church and God is really important in my life. ... I feel like when I go to church and stuff I definitely feel closer to her, because I feel like she's in heaven."

Kim says the documentary project reminded her she didn't need to push herself to "move on" from her mother's death.

"It's OK if you always grieve," she says. "In a way, realizing that also helps you too. That helped me a lot."

For many young people, says Dillof, loss becomes a rite of passage.

"They're really willing to use the experience of losing someone to step into adulthood. This is something that I think is unique to youth when they grieve. One student told us that he became a man the day he spoke at his girlfriend's funeral."

Both Dillof and Holland believe telling their stories can be a powerful force in the lives of young people. Now that "In Memoriam" is on display, they hope to continue helping youths record and reflect on their own experiences.

Under the auspices of the Community Project, a program that coordinates student support services at El Cerrito High, the pair is launching a larger effort called "The Youth Documentary Project," continuing the portrait and text format as a means of encouraging teenagers to explore important issues in their lives.

"Unless you give students the time and the space to reflect on what is really going on in their lives," says Holland, "you will never realize what they're dealing with. Some adults have no idea what these students are going through."



"IN MEMORIAM" is a photo exhibit that shows how students have handled the sudden loss of loved ones. The Community Project at El Cerrito High School lets students express their feelings by helping them to find words and create images of themselves. Marquitta Washington, above right with her mother, and Susan Kim, middle, at left, reflect on getting through pain.



THE PHOTOGRAPHY PROJECT was created by Fay Dillof and Jeremiah Holland.

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"DJ" **ROBBY REID** plays underground hip-hop at Cafe Eclectica on a Saturday night. The City Council issued a belated entertainment permit for the cafe last week.

Cafe

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A week after the council decision, Washington Avenue resident Rita Smith said she had noticed little change in the noise levels. She hears the roaring guitars and drums every Saturday night.

"We're not allowed to sit in our homes and blast loud music like that and disrupt the neighborhood, so I don't know why they're allowed to do it," said Smith, who has lived on Washington since 1986.

Smith was one of 20 people from Key Route Boulevard, Washington Avenue and the 1300 block of Solano Avenue who signed a petition opposing the entertainment permit.

The petition stated the performances are "over-amplified to the point where they penetrate through the walls of homes . . . and interfere with basic domestic activities such as sleeping and conversing."

As a result of the recent complaints, cafe management agreed to keep the doors and windows shut and prohibit people from using the outdoor patio during loud shows, work on soundproofing the cafe, monitor noise levels with a decibel meter and meet with residents to further mitigate the noise.

The cafe has also canceled many of its shows through the end of February, Sly said.

The permit will go before the council for review in six months. The review could be held sooner if noise complaints continue, if there are traffic or parking violations or if the cafe violates any other laws.

"I would like to see the noise from music come down a bit so

it doesn't disturb neighbors," said Councilman Allan Maris. "But the cafe does a lot of good things for the community so I'd like to see it stay."

The cafe opened in 2000 with the intention of giving high-school students somewhere to congregate without having to leave the city, Maris said. In its first year, the council allocated \$18,000 to the cafe to pay several months' expenses.

The cafe provides paid internships for teen-agers, plus poetry, art and music events.

When it opened, the cafe applied for all of the proper permits, said Albany planning manager Dave Dowsell. The problem was that when it was given the go-ahead to have live music, city staff members were unaware that businesses must first obtain an entertainment permit.

That discovery was made just last year. Prior to that, the last time a business was issued an entertainment permit was in 1995.

It hasn't been a problem because so few businesses have asked to have live music, Dowsell said. He estimates that four businesses offer live music in the city.

The city's planning department will likely change the process by which entertainment permits are issued. The permit should be overseen by the planning commission and not by the City Council, Dowsell said.

For its part, Cafe Eclectica applied for the proper permits, he added.

"It's not like they started doing it (live music) without asking," he said. "They asked and we goofed."

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Headliners

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"We will more than likely have to raise more," she said, "because the school board has really hard decisions to make."

Ulmer added that one-third of students in the district are involved in the music program.

"Students need fine arts for UC requirements, so it's not just fringe," said Ulmer, who has two daughters in the program.

Past benefit concerts have featured bluegrass group the David Grisman Bluegrass Experience, a capella group The Bobs and R&B singer Angela Bofill.

Tomorrow's concert will be

CONCERT

WHAT: A benefit concert for the Albany Unified School District music program starring Norton Buffalo, Elvin Bishop, the Turtle Island String Quartet and Gwen Avery

WHEN: 7:30 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 1. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

WHERE: The Albany High School gym, 603 Key Route Boulevard

HOW MUCH: \$10 for those 18 and under, \$20 for all others for bleachers, \$25 for main floor

INFORMATION: 510-559-8474

headlined by Norton Buffalo, a virtuoso harmonica player and former Steve Miller Band member. He will perform with Elvin Bishop,

a blues guitarist and founding member of the Paul Butterfield Blues Band in the 1960s.

Bishop and Buffalo will be joined by musicians Garth Webber on guitar, Dewayne Pate on bass, Kevin Hayes on drums and Jimmy Pugh on keyboards.

Also on the bill will be blues singer Gwen Avery and the Turtle Island String Quartet, which performs a mix of jazz, blues and pop on string instruments.

All of the musicians are donating their talents. "It kind of strikes a chord with people because they all started somewhere," Ulmer said. "The artists have been incredibly generous."

Three of the line-ups for the benefit shows were put together by Frank Martin, an Albany musi-

cian and record producer who has a daughter in the high school band. He'll be in the band backing Buffalo.

Martin has played the likes of Sting, Houston and has been friends to play the music. He said many people in the wings to play continue putting the music together while the music needs help.

Ulmer said the shows have been hard to enjoy and that the camaraderie among the musicians involved.

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Music

FROM PAGE A1

members (the department) wouldn't have been there," Lilienthal said.

Ernie Douglas, the teacher who retired in 1987, said Lilienthal has a successful, untraditional approach that attracts students.

"Tom had a whole different idea of reaching people, not with a standard music program, but he had classes in harmony and how to play the blues, how to play folk guitar and all that stuff," said Douglas, who taught music at Albany High from 1952 to 1987. "And Tom's quite a good jazz player, so he started building up the jazz department."

Lilienthal began playing the trumpet in the fifth grade but was more fascinated by a piano owned

by a neighbor across the street from his Marin County home. He graduated from Cal State Hayward with a music degree in 1974 and earned a teaching credential the next year.

After that, he played bass in a jazz and funk band called Festival which toured with John Fogerty of Creedence Clearwater Revival for a while after being spotted in a Lafayette club. For 12 years, he also ran his own entertainment agency, which connected bands with clients.

When the agency's building was damaged in the Loma Prieta earthquake of 1989, it had to move out, which Lilienthal said led him to get out of a business he described as stressful.

That's when he began teaching in Marin County. He taught there for four years but was unhappy with the attitude of the school dis-

trict, which considered music a frill, he said.

In Albany, parents have stepped in to provide support. A group of parents has raised more than \$120,000 for the district's music program.

At a recent jazz festival, the jazz band came home with the "unanimous superior" award, the highest award available and a first for the band. Lilienthal had promised that if the jazz band ever achieved it, he would let the members shave his head.

Students took turns Monday with the clippers.

"These kids were dedicated; they knew what they wanted and put everything they could into it and rose to the occasion," said the newly shorn Lilienthal. "I'm very excited for them."

"He's always positive," said sophomore Chris Bastian, a bass

player. "He criticized us, but we get better, but it's personal. He's the perfect teacher."

After this school year, Lilienthal will set sail on the Ocean on a 51-foot boat and then will decide if he will come back to Albany in love with sailing the Virgin Islands. He sold his house in Albany, which he has been in since May.

He said it was hard leaving the trip, but he was focused. It's his life, he passes on to his students.

"I have found (teach), the more you personally," he said, "the more you realize they've got to go to the next generation."

Sing

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As they launched into "This Land is Your Land," Akbar Badri, who sells hot dogs, candy and chips from a stand at Del Norte, voiced approval. "War is not a

good thing, especially I'm from a war-torn country," said Badri, who came to the United States from Afghanistan in 1982. "People who have never experienced war don't feel what's going on."

Robabeh Honarmand, a flower vendor at the station, agreed. "I support them. I am for peace," said

Honarmand, who came from Iran in 1984 after living through half the 1980-1988 war between her native country and Iraq.

Serenading Del Norte's largely anti-war crowd was, at times, a case of singing to the choir, acknowledged Jay Bunker of Kensington, who carried his young son,

Matthew, on his shoulders. Part of the idea, Bunker said, was to motivate people to do the kind of action: write phone calls; talk to the mayor.

Added Rose, "I support the choir, the choir. And without singing, there's no

Preschool

FROM PAGE A1

1942 in space provided by the Community Methodist Church after the church Mother's Club established a nursery in 1940. It moved to its current digs on land owned by the city at Moers Lane and Ashbury Avenue in 1947.

The preschool's future looked uncertain in the early 1980s, when its site was eyed for housing for

seniors.

Preschool parents, along with neighbors and Contra Costa Civic Theatre officials, fought hard to keep the senior housing out. They won after it was found that a key piece of nearby land couldn't be used for the housing under an agreement with the state.

Howard Abelson, a coun-

cilmember at the time, said the preschool was "fighting for its existence." As a result, new councilmembers sympathetic to the preschool were ushered in.

The City Council recently granted the preschool a 15-year lease, which it requested as a sort of insurance for long-term improvements it plans to make to the

building.

Theis-Alvarez said council members agreed to term lease is a vote to move the preschool out of the city. "The new lease fits what I'm happy they're family-friendly, community-minded city."

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Section B

Anet's a real live wire

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... friend Shaun arrived to
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... with only half an ear but
... there was talk of two wires
... at white and neutral and
... at white and red, and
... Anet asked many ques-
... as "What if I open it
... wires are not colored?"
... discussed three-way
... and the possible rea-

sons why turning on a switch at one end of a hallway doesn't work if the switch at the other end is turned off.

After only about an hour of intensive discourse, Shaun left, and Anet, very cheery, announced that she was ready to begin her electrical work. But first she needed to buy supplies, so we went to Home Depot. With rapt attention, Anet moved along the electrical material aisles gathering things she'd need.

Having decided to first install a GFCI outlet in the bathroom (the type that clicks off if there is water present), she bought one of those, also a few dimmer switches (both single and double, I think) and a couple of regular ones, and two new convenience outlets.

Back at home, she got her tools together: headband flashlight (another Christmas gift she requested a couple of years ago for which she has found many uses), screwdriver, pliers, and the testing gadget. At the electrical panel she read all the tiny labels trying to figure out which circuit the bathroom outlet was on, found one, switched it, then confirmed that it was truly off.

She removed the old outlet, peered at the wires (she called me to come and see how old the wires looked), wired the new one in place, and turned the juice back on. Triumph, it worked! But there was a problem. The new GFCI was just a smidgeon larger than the old outlet and would not fit back into the recess in the ceramic tile.

By great good fortune, our fire-place man was at the house at that moment cleaning the chimney, and when he heard what the problem was, he offered Anet the use of a metal rasp, just the thing to shave off the edges of the tile. "Ah, an excuse to buy a new tool," I told Anet. "You really must have a rasp of your own."

And so Anet's first electrical installation was complete, and she was pleased, and she moved onto her next adventure, that



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pesky two-switch hallway problem. Shaun had told her that the difficulty might lie in the dimmer, that the wrong type had probably been installed.

Again she was careful to make sure that there was no current flowing before she took apart the switch, examined and replaced it, but this time, her ministrations failed. Apparently something else was wrong, something that Anet and Shaun had not covered in that first lesson. She would need further instruction and, perhaps, Shaun at her side.

She'd already encountered another situation that Shaun hadn't thought to describe to her (something to do with tag wires she said), and so she was anxious to get more info.

Before another lesson could be arranged, we were back at Home Depot for something else, and I took the opportunity to look over the selection of books they've got on electricity. Knowing nothing at all about the subject, I chose one with what I thought were the best photos and instructions in plainest English, and told Anet she should have it.

We charged the book to our company account, a business expense because Anet will be applying her electrical skills soon, we hope, at our listings. Light fixtures tend to conk out at the most inconvenient times like just before we're holding a house open.

How marvelous it will be. No more having to locate someone to come fix it, come quick.

Instead, just let Anet do it. Heaven.

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Real Estate Spotlight:

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California median home price up 20.2%

■ Sales post 20.9 percent increase, compared to December 2002

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The median price of existing homes in California in December increased 20.2 percent compared to last December. Home sales rose 20.9 percent compared to the same period a year ago, according to the California Association of Realtors.

"Residential real estate ended the year on a high note, with the eighth best monthly sales volume on record and the best December sales since 1986," said C.A.R. President Toby Bradley. "The median price of a single family home also climbed to \$338,110, a new record for the state."

Closed escrow sales of existing, single-family detached homes in California totaled 573,790 in December at a seasonally adjusted

annualized rate, according to information collected by C.A.R. from more than 90 local Realtor associations statewide. Statewide home resale activity increased 20.9 percent from the 474,490 sales pace recorded in December 2001.

"Year-to-date sales of single-family homes were up 13.5 percent through December compared to

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The future of public art

Part two of two

The grounds around art museums are often chosen as the sites for large works of public art. In San Francisco, this tradition has had a controversial history. In 1994, the Legion of Honor Museum was offered a large metal sculpture by the much-feted San Francisco artist Richard Serra. This piece was to have been paid for by the late art philanthropist John Rosekrans. But since it would have been installed on public land, (in the middle of the traffic circle in front of the museum's main entrance) it first had to be approved in a set of public hearings by the city's Parks and Recreation Department.

Once photographs of Richard Serra's model for his sculpture were published, the proposed design caused an immediate public uproar. The piece looked like a giant lunch bag made out of rusted steel plates that had been creased down the middle and at the edges. The vast majority of public opinion was hostile to this project, (with good reason, in my view). In the end, the city insisted that Serra make changes to his proposed design, which he refused to do. So, this sculpture was never built.

Another large metal sculpture now occupies this space in front of the Legion of Honor. It was created in 1999 by Bay Area artist Mark di Suvero, and

is titled "Pax Jerusalem. This oddly named abstract metal sculpture looks like a group of giant, bright orange erector set pieces shoved together and stuck into the dirt and left there by some careless child. There was opposition to this piece too at first, but the museum directors were determined to get this one installed, so the city let them have their way.

Nearby, on a staircase at the northeast corner of the Legion of Honor parking lot, world renowned artist George Segal created a piece called the Holocaust Memorial.

By the time this piece was created in the early 1990s, Segal (since deceased) was already famous for his life-sized casts of human figures done in white plaster. Both the artist's reputation, and the subject matter, ensured that this particular piece of public art would not meet with any serious opposition from the public.

Here in the East Bay, a very different type of public controversy doomed another piece of public art a few years after it had been installed. In downtown Concord, along a grassy meridian on a one-block stretch of a major shopping street, a very unusual metal sculpture was installed in the mid 1990's. It consisted of a row of dozens of giant metal rods, somewhat resembling super-sized knitting needles, stuck into the dirt at odd angles.



MARK WILSON
Owning A Piece of History

The design of this piece created some opposition when it was first proposed. But this opposition was not strong enough to prevent the completion of the project. However, an unforeseen side effect of mother nature was.

It seems these metal rods, which were intended to wave gently in the breeze, were so top heavy that they bobbed back and forth alarmingly in heavy winds.

Some Concord citizens began to call for this sculpture's removal on public safety grounds, but the city government refused at first. Finally, when a severe wind storm hit the Bay area during the 2000 millennium season, several of these giant rods fell down. The city then had them immediately removed, despite the protests of the artist and a few of his supporters that they could be made safe.

After the first part of this series was published, I got a call from one of my readers who suggested that I write in part two about the Emeryville Mud Fat sculptures. Those of us who lived in the Bay Area in the

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Does a condominium make a good investment?

■ Check out the latest statistics on this changing market

INMAN NEWS FEATURES

Not too many years ago, buying a condo was considered a compromise move. Condos are more affordable, particularly for first-time buyers who have a tough time breaking into the housing market. Until recently the cheap entry fee entitled you to apartment-style living, no yard to call your own and lackluster appreciation-not an attractive package to most home buyers.

This may be changing. According to the National Association of Realtors (NAR), condo appreciation outpaced single-family home price appreciation in the first half of 2002. During the second quarter, the median price of single-family homes rose 7.4 percent compared to the second quarter, 2001.

The median price of condos rose an impressive 14.7 percent. NAR expects condos to set a sales volume record in 2002.

Statistically, condos are looking like a better investment in some areas and for some home buyers. But, not all condos appreciate at the same rate. To ensure that you make a good investment, consider the following before you buy.

CONDO HUNTING TIP: Look for a condo that's in a development that has a high ratio of owner-occupants to renters. Some lenders won't lend on condos that have a high rate of ab-

sentee ownership. Also, owner occupants tend to be more concerned about keeping things going well in the development.

When you purchase a condo or townhouse, you obtain exclusive ownership rights to the interior space of your particular unit. But, you also own common areas-grounds, fences, shared walls and facilities-with the other homeowners.

You automatically become a part of a homeowner's association to which you pay dues. The dues cover the cost of maintaining and insuring the common areas. Precisely what the homeowner's dues cover will vary from one complex to the next, so find out exactly what's covered before you buy.

The homeowner's dues may help fund a reserve account to cover major expenses, like refurbishing common areas or replacing an elevator. Make sure to check a current financial statement for the association.

If the reserve account isn't flush enough to cover unanticipated expenses, the individual homeowner's could be assessed an additional amount to cover the expense.

This will add to your cost of ownership.

Find out if the dues have increased over time and by how much. Also find out if additional assessments have been levied against the homeowner's in the past. Be aware that with new projects, the dues may be subject to change in the future.



DIAN HYMER
House Hunting

According to the National Association of Realtors (NAR), appreciation of single-family home price appreciation the first half of 2002.

Condos are governed by CC&Rs (Covenants, Conditions and Restrictions), which your ownership rights, stance, the CC&Rs may remodeling restrictions only want to buy the can modify it in a way permitted, you should buying elsewhere.

Some condos prohibit And some have parking and renting restrictions.

Read and understand CC&Rs and any other governing documents complete a purchase. CC&Rs are hard to feel overwhelmed by an attorney with come to review and interpretations for you.

It's usually best to ing into a condo complex the homeowner's association involved in litigation, there are any other issues that you might avoid, read copies of from recent homeowner meetings.

THE CLOSING: Once ways to get the strategy a condo project is to of the current residence what they like and what like about living there decide to buy.

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last year," said C.A.R. Vice President and Chief Economist Leslie Appleton-Young. "We're on track for a record year in 2002, largely due to the lowest interest rates in decades and unprecedented demand for homes in California."

The statewide sales figure represents what the total number of homes sold during 2002 would be if sales maintained the December pace throughout the year. It is adjusted to account for seasonal factors that typically influence home sales.

The median price of an existing, single-family detached home in California during December 2002 was \$338,110, a 20.2 percent increase over the \$281,330 median for De-

cember 2001. C.A.R. reported. The December 2002 median price increased 3.2 percent compared to November 2002.

Highlights

■ C.A.R.'s Unsold Inventory Index for existing, single-family detached homes in December 2002 was 2.6 months, compared to 2.8 months for the same period a year ago. The index indicates the number of months needed to deplete the supply of homes on the market at the current sales rate.

■ Thirty-year fixed mortgage interest rates averaged 6.05 percent during December 2002, down from 7.07 percent in December 2001, according to the Federal Home Loan Mortgage Corp. Adjustable mortgage interest rates averaged 4.12 percent in December 2002 compared to 5.23 percent in December 2001.

■ The median number of days it took to sell a single-family home was 28 days in December 2002, compared to 35 days for the same period a year ago.

The MLS median price and sales data for detached homes are generated from a survey of more than 90 California Realtor associations. MLS median price and sales data for condominiums are based on a survey of more than 60 associations. The median price for both detached homes and condominiums represents closed escrow sales.

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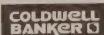


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would be the "Interest Only" pay-
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percent. Add a margin of about
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loan at 2.95 percent, the less
than interest only payment would
be \$1257. The minimum payment
is fixed for twelve months and can
certainly increase a borrower's
cash flow situation.

Literally, the borrower is using
the equity in the property to help
make the payment and the differ-
ence, between the fully amortized
payment and the less than interest
only payment, can be substantial.

The lender allows "stated in-
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KAREN SENZIG
Mortgage Madness

\$1280 per month with no princi-
pal addition.

The borrowers third payment
option would be the fully amor-
tized, fully indexed payment of
\$1633. The difference between
the interest only payment and the
fully amortized payment is \$353
per month. That difference is the
amount of money paid towards
the principal for the fully
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The borrowers fourth option is
my favorite. We have so many
clients who do not qualify for a 15
year loan, especially borrowers
who need to qualify as no income
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"How To Buy A Home When It's Not Your Own," by Robert Irwin (McGraw-Hill, New York), \$14.95, 192 pages. This survey book explains virtually all the home-purchase alternatives, such as differences in houses and condos, and low-cost finance alternatives for first-time buyers, in no time. Real estate agents and their brokerage office managers should study this positive book to learn what is essential for successful salespeople. There are dozens of interviews with agents who share the techniques that made them outstanding professionals.

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"Making Big Money Investing Real Estate Without Tenants, Or Rehab Projects," by Pearl and David Finkel (Dearborn Publishing Co., Chicago), \$25.95, 252 pages. This unusual real estate book explains how to profitably buy and sell homes with no tenants, avoid the draw of big cash down payments, and do extensive fix-up work, and avoid mortgage lenders. The author explains the best real estate investment techniques I've ever encountered.

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10 — "How To Find Hidden Real Estate Bargains, Second Edition," by Robert Irwin (McGraw-Hill, New York), \$14.95, 201 pages. This survey book explains how to profit from virtually all real estate bargain properties, such as foreclosures, probates, government property sales, REO (real estate owned by lenders) and other distress property situations. Emphasis is on low-cash purchase



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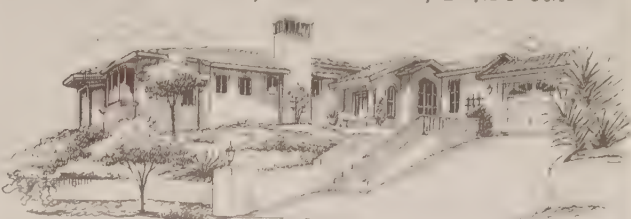
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5 — "The Mortgage Kit, Fifth Edition," by Thomas C. Steinmetz (Dearborn-Kaplan Publishing Co., Chicago), \$19.95, 156 pages. This simple how-to-get-a-mortgage book explains the latest mortgage programs, including Internet offerings. Emphasis is on qualifying for a home loan and how to handle typical problems, such as a low appraisal.

6 — "Renter's Rights: The Basics, Third Edition," by Attorney Janet Portman and Marcia Stewart (Nolo Press, Berkeley, Calif.), \$24.99, 210 pages. This well-researched book contains simple non-legalese explanations of state-by-state renters' rights. Emphasis is on showing tenants how to avoid being pushed around by their landlords, with special attention to practical, rather than court, remedies for typical disputes.

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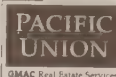
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The 106 Common Mistakes Home Buyers Make (And How to Avoid Them), Second Edition," by Eldred (John Wiley and Sons, New York), \$16.95, 299 pages. As an experienced real estate investor and author, Eldred explains first-time and second-time buyers' mistakes to avoid, but there are many of essential information to handle typical home-purchase problems.

"Make It Big," by Frank Johnson Wiley and Sons, New York, \$24.95, 271 pages. A successful and innovative builder, this unique book explains how to take calculated risks and prosper. Who began his real estate career as a ditch digger (a trap digger at a county landfill) and evolved into a successful multi-million-dollar "spec houses" and "flippers" in 49 short risks.

"Hunting," by Dian Hymer Books, San Francisco, \$13.95, 183 pages. Created by a successful 25-year real estate agent, this unusual book has a format for organizing home-purchase information. A workbook, with 225 pages. Developed from the perspective of a young couple beginning their realty investments by pur-

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Honorable mentions:

1 — "Habitat For Humanity How To Build A House," by Larry Haun (The Taunton Press, Newtown, Conn.), \$24.95, 277 pages. Written by a carpenter-volunteer who helps construct Habitat for Humanity homes, this superb "coffee-table quality" book explains techniques developed to build inexpensive homes for less than \$50,000. The beautiful color photos show inexperienced workers performing complex tasks, which have resulted in more than 100,000 Habitat houses being built with volunteer labor.

2 — "Every Landlord's Legal Guide, Fifth Edition," by Marcia Stewart and Attorneys Ralph Warner and Janet Portman (Nolo Press, Berkeley, Calif.), \$44.99, 365 pages plus CD-ROM. This awesome book, with legal advice and rental forms valid in every state, is filled with sound, practical information designed to make landlords confident they're making correct decisions. Emphasis is on preventing problems with tenants by using successful property management techniques.

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Getting your 'Tools for Success'

■ **NARI and Truitt & White seminars start tomorrow**

NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE REMODELING INDUSTRY
San Francisco Bay Area Chapter of the National Association of the Remodeling Industry (NARI) and Truitt & White Lumber Company invite builders and contractors to attend the 2003 "Tools for Success" business seminar series in Berkeley.

In its seventh year, the series offers professional builders and remodelers workshops to sharpen their skills and review business practices and concepts essential to maintaining and growing a healthy construction company. Price for each daylong workshop is \$100 per participant, \$90 for NARI members. Price to attend both is \$180, \$165 for NARI members.

The first seminar, "Laying the Groundwork for a Successful Business" is tomorrow from 8:30 a.m.

to 4:30 p.m. Speakers and topics include:

■ Eric Phillips "Construction Contracts: Beginning with the Basics"

■ Mark Leininger, "Insurance: The Cost of Doing Business,"

■ Greg Stine, "Marketing Essentials for Builders," and

■ "Planning for Success" by Paul Winans, CR, Winans Construction, Inc.

The second seminar, "Strategies and Tactics to Build on Your Success" is Saturday, March 8.

Topics include "Time Management: Getting More From Your Day" by Les Cunningham, and afternoon roundtable discussions covering five topics

■ "Contractor/Sub-contractor Relations" by Dana Milner, Dana Milner Construction

■ "Finding, Training and Keeping Good Employees," by Steve Nicholls, Mueller Nicholls;

■ "It's Not About Price: Chang-

ing the Client's Buying Pattern," by Chip Doyle, Sandler Sales Institute

■ "Technology: Benefits and Challenges," by Paul Barkley, Barkley Builders

■ "Estimating Options. Saying No to Bidding," by Michael McCutcheon and Jill Moran, McCutcheon Builders.

Both seminars take place at the MIG Meeting Place, 800 Hearst Ave., in Berkeley, 510-845-7549. To register call 415 345-8403 or pay online at www.sfbanari.com.

NARI is a non-profit trade organization that promotes ethical conduct and sound business practices in the remodeling industry.

Take up the new home challenge

Buying a home is a challenging prospect in today's real estate market. Learn about the home buying process. Attend "The Home Buying Answers Class." This free class is scheduled from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, Feb. 8 and Saturday, April 5 at the San Leandro Main Library.

Get the answers to your home buying questions, whether you are buying for the first time or ready to move-up. Find out if you qualify for a larger home, why you really need a real estate agent and if your credit is OK. You will learn how to buy with zero "out of pocket" costs.

The facilitator is Senior Loan Consultant Margie Lupo of Vintage Mortgage. With over 20 years in the industry, Lupo understands all as-

pects of the home buying process. "Home ownership creates a feeling of security," said Lupo. "This class helps buyers make right decisions and could save them thousands."

The February class will also have a guest speaker, Area specialist, Cynthia Chlasson of RE/Max East Bay Group provides information on the local market. Chlasson is a Realtor and the 2002 Women's Council of Realtors Southern Alameda

County Chapter President. She is a Director At Large for the Association of Realtors and a visitor to the local Housing Association.

Bring your questions, guest if you choose, but pre-register. Call the Class hotline to register, 888-629-0077 ext. 801, or visit www.classonline.com. Registration on future classes and one consultation are also available.

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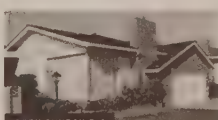
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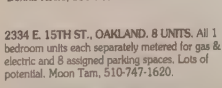
16058 BERSHIRE RD., SAN LEANDRO. NEW ON MARKET. 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, living room with fireplace, remodeled kitchen and bath, hardwood floors, new paint. \$435,000. John Parten, 510-748-1115.



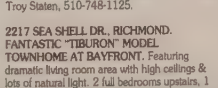
220 SANTA CLARA AVE., ALAMEDA 3 bedrooms, 1.5 baths with family room and updated kitchen. 2 car garage. \$529,500. Dennis Kuehl, 510-748-1132.



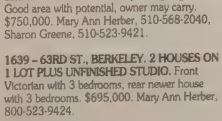
1317 EAST SHORE DR., ALAMEDA. ONE LEVEL AT EAST END'S BEST LOCATION. Offering 3 bedrooms, 2 baths, family room, hardwood floors throughout. Great family home. Troy Stalen, 510-748-1125.



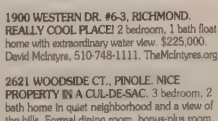
2334 E. 15TH ST., OAKLAND. 8 UNITS. All 1 bedroom units each separately metered for gas & electric and 8 assigned parking spaces. Lots of potential. Moon Tam, 510-747-1620.



1900 WESTERN DR. #6-3, RICHMOND. REALLY COOL PLACE! 2 bedroom, 1 bath foot home with extraordinary water view. \$225,000. David McIntyre, 510-748-1111. TheMcIntyres.org.



1639 - 63RD ST., BERKELEY. 2 HOUSES ON 1 LOT PLUS UNFINISHED STUDIO. Front Victorian with 3 bedrooms, rear newer house with 3 bedrooms. \$695,000. Mary Ann Herber, 800-523-9424.



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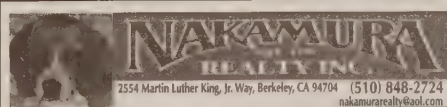
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Home Buying
If you finally decided to buy, it's your New Year's resolution to find out how? Learn the secrets to many home buying classes. This free class is from 10 to 12 p.m., Saturday, Feb. 8. The location is the Garden Isle Community Center on Melrose Avenue in Alameda. The focus of each meeting is an invited speaker and the discussion of important real estate, economic and community concerns. The Inform is dedicated to helping Realtors stay informed about the real estate market, the community and issues that affect the economy. Agents are encouraged to bring information on new listings for presentation to the group. For more information contact **Remy Boyd** of AAR at 510-523-7229.

Handy Classes
The Building Education Center in Berkeley provides ongoing classes, lectures and events for the experienced and those new to remodeling and renovation. There are evening classes on weekdays and daytime classes on the weekends. For information on classes and costs call the center. Contact **Sydney** at 510-525-7610 or visit the Web site at bldgeduct.org.

Inform Meeting in Alameda

The public is always welcome at the Inform Meeting. The Inform is sponsored by the Alameda Association of Realtors. Meetings are held on the second Tuesday of every month. The next meeting begins at 8:30 a.m., Tuesday, Feb. 11. The location is the Garden Isle Community Center on Melrose Avenue in Alameda. The focus of each meeting is an invited speaker and the discussion of important real estate, economic and community concerns. The Inform is dedicated to helping Realtors stay informed about the real estate market, the community and issues that affect the economy. Agents are encouraged to bring information on new listings for presentation to the group. For more information contact **Remy Boyd** of AAR at 510-523-7229.

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WALKER IN SPOTLIGHT

Realtor **Evelyn Walker** was nominated for this columnist's Above And Beyond Spotlight. She was the Oakland Association of Realtors President for 2002. After seeing a need Walker was instrumental in the creation of the OAR Fundraising Task Force and its first chairperson. The association members and taskforce raise funds for the Oral Lee Brown Foundation, which helps inner-city children attain the dream of a college education. In 2001, under Walker's guidance the group raised \$18,000. A \$33,000 donation was the result of the 2002 campaign. In addition, Walker has been a member of the OAR Board of Directors since 1997 and a director for CAR in 2001. She does all this and is an award-winning real estate agent as well. Walker is with Coldwell Banker Oakland/Montclair. Her direct number is 510-339-4778.

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*** Open Sat. & Sun. 1-5 \$899,000**
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*** Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$824,500**
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*** Open Sun. 1:30-5 \$645,000**
1048 Underhills Rd. Lovely, split-level English Tudor. 3 BR/1 BA, remodeled kitchen, private deck and garden.
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*** Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$520,000**
751 Hillgirt Circle. Wonderful home with gorgeous architectural details in Haddon Hills.
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*** Open Sun. 2-4:30 \$399,000**
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*** Open Sun. 2-4 \$1,000,000**
548 Everett St. Charming BA house in most sought Cerrito location. Many up new foundation and windows sparkling floors.
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*** Open Sun 2-5 \$1,000,000**
2215 Fernwood Ct. Charming spacious 3 BR/2 BA split for entertaining.
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Enchanting Claremont
Mont. cottage on 1/2 acre deck, 1 BR/1 BA. Pets ok to-month. Utilities included.
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SPRING WINE TOUR

The Women's Council of Realtors East Bay Chapter will host a "Spring Wine Tour" plus 45 hours of DRE credit. Study in advance and begin the day with a live review for continuing education. Then enjoy networking and the tour. One of the stops is the Ledson Estate "Castle" Winery, on of the most unique wineries in the Sonoma Valley. Lunch is provided and of course there will be shopping opportunities. Reserve the date, Wednesday, Feb. 5. For registration information call 800-582-7979.

WHO'S ON FIRST

■ **Loan Officer Chuck Dempsey** is making a move. He is transferring from the Diabolo Funding Group's San Ramon office to the Oakland Funding Group. He will now hang his hat the OFG office on Grand Avenue in Oakland. To say welcome to Oakland call Dempsey at 510-874-4210.

■ **Juanita Simon** recently celebrated her one-year anniversary as a Realtor. She is an associate with Coldwell Banker in Berkeley. Simon is also a member of the board at the Berkeley Association of Realtors. Happy Anniversary!

WHAT'S UP DOC??

Someone new at your company?

Something special your company is doing? Changing locations? Putting on a seminar? Let me know. I'd love to let the world know. Information deadline is two weeks before the event. Send an email to bobbierid@mindspring.com. Fax your info to me at 510-441-7191. Call me at 510-441-7190.

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Featured Property



PERFECT PERFECTION... \$849,000

Spacious 3 bedroom, 3 1/2 bath, nestled in Piedmont Pines. This fully updated traditional offers spacious gourmet kitchen & fully developed quarters. Level garden. Parks & recreation nearby.

Thursdays Dr.
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ROCKLEDGE TRADITIONAL \$635,000

Rockledge 2+1/2 BD/1+ Bath traditional with office/den and downstairs family room; bright fireplace & hardwood floors.

Arnold Drive, Open 2-5pm
Michael Thompson 510-339-8400

LEVEL LIVING... \$539,000

BR-3 BA custom home in Rockledge, kitchen, formal dining, lots of space, for expansion or gardening plus fantastic front yard. Open 2-5pm

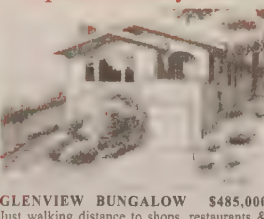
Arnold Mueller 510-339-4000

CANYON VIEWS \$499,000

Stunning Montclair home is bright & airy with walls of glass. The lovely kitchen has been remodeled and the secluded master suite has walk-in closets and full bath in own deck!

New Dr. Nahid Nassiri 510-339-8400

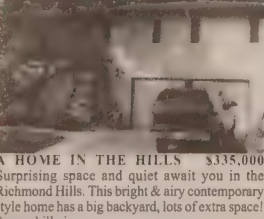
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GLENVIEW BUNGALOW \$485,000

Just walking distance to shops, restaurants & transportation. This charming home w/ landscaped front, side & rear yards is filled with traditional craftsman details. A large eat-in kitchen, refinished hardwood floors & full bath w/ claw foot tub are just a few characteristics of this cute home.

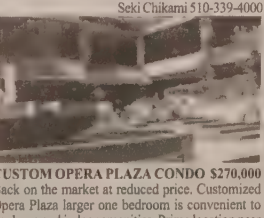
1046 Elbert St. Open 2-5
Nahid Nassiri 510-339-8400



A HOME IN THE HILLS \$335,000

Surprising space and quiet await you in the Richmond Hills. This bright & airy contemporary style home has a big backyard, lots of extra space! Serene hill views.

2831 Joanne Drive, Richmond
Seki Chikami 510-339-4000



CUSTOM OPERA PLAZA CONDO \$270,000

Back on the market at reduced price. Customized Opera Plaza larger one bedroom is convenient to pool, spa and indoor amenities. Prime location near civic center. All offers considered. Open 1-5.

601 Van Ness Ave., San Francisco
Rosemary Greene 510-339-4000

Open Sunday 1/19



COMFORTABLE BAY VIEW UNIT \$247,500

Security gates, pool, elevator easy freeway access 2 bedroom 1 1/4 bath, large master. Suite, Deck. Open Sunday 1/19/03

16367 Saratoga St., San Leandro
Jack Brennenman 510-339-8400

By Appointment

NORTHDRIDGE HILLS BEAUTY \$949,000

From the moment you enter this sprawling 4 bedroom, 3 bath single story home, attention to detail is noted everywhere one looks. From the elegant living room with crown moldings and fireplace to the lovely patios & yards, designer style touches are noted throughout! Located in desirable Northridge Hills.

Danville Better Homes 925-837-2200

HAVE IT ALL! \$818,000

Sophisticated 4/2 Westside rancher was totally remodeled to perfection by contractor/owner. Gorgeous pool and spa backs to rolling hills and has views of Mt. Diablo. Granite kitchen, inlaid hardwood floors, Anderson French doors, crown molding and state of the art lighting. Close to town! Price to sell!

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EXCELLENT INCOME OPPORTUNITY \$799,000

Commercial multi-unit residential in prime location of Emeryville currently used as retail store. Has great activity. Drive by, then call us.

Rosemary Greene 510-287-9599

DANVILLE CREST... \$849,000

Level yard with views, updated & bright kitchen with breakfast area, new carpeting throughout most of the home, high ceilings, new landscaping, 4 bedrooms and 2.5 baths.

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By Appointment

ELEGANT BARGAIN! \$799,000

Bettencourt Ranch! 4 bedrooms plus den, 3 baths, 3-car garage! Quiet street! Au-pair setup! New carpets & paint! Gourmet kitchen with island. Wood blinds. Approximately 3464 square feet. A 10+! Hurry! Shows great! Fast COE!

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2 ACRES... \$759,000

Lush hillside setting with majestic old oaks framing a commanding view of towering Mt. Diablo. Alamo's prestigious Westside, featuring 4 bedrooms, 2.5 baths, wood floors, dual pane windows and lots of privacy.

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RARE FIND IN MORAGA RIDGE \$658,000

Views from a hillside overlooking central Moraga. Large townhouse style (2486 sq. ft.) unit in small, friendly complex. 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2-car garage with extra attic storage.

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FLAT HALF ACRE \$649,000

Gorgeous ranch home, mature and manicured landscaping, beautiful kitchen, wood cabinets, spacious living area, backs to meandering creek and feeling of privacy.

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CANYON LAKES VALUE \$549,900

Original owner has maintained and upgraded popular 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath end unit with privacy and view. Priced to sell!

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PERFECTION \$549,900

... in a convenient townhome. The space of a single family home in a wonderful south Walnut Creek complex. Light & bright 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath with 2-car garage. Many remodels & upgrades including custom entry doors, hardwood foyer, new interior doors & skylights.

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EDWARDIAN 3 UNIT \$539,000

Commercial building close to the University Campus. Total rents are \$3900 p/month. Huge yard.

Gary / Noni Robinson 510-339-4000

BEST VALUE IN PLEASANT HILL \$479,950

Beautiful newer 3 bedroom, 2.5 bath, 2-car garage home in prime location. Many, many upgrades. Walk-in closet. Beautiful landscaping. Close to BART and highway 680.

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ONLY 1 YEAR OLD \$439,000

4 BD / 2 1/2 BA. Just Like New.

Michael Godanis 510-339-4000

By Appointment

THIS HOUSE HAS IT ALL \$397,500

3 bedrooms, 2 remodeled baths. Remodeled kitchen, central heat and air, dual pane windows and slider. HWF, 5-year old roof. Huge fenced backyard, auto sprinklers in front & back. Newer garage door & opener. Just move in to this dream house!

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CHINA HILL FIXER \$368,000

Cute Bungalow Needs TLC Could by a Beauty fixed up. Best price for location 3BR / 1+ Garage, yard, seller motivated.

Teresa Chan 510-339-8400



SPACIOUS 3+BR \$375,000

plus bath 1920's craftsman. Yes, all the original built-ins and woodwork still intact. Beautiful fireplace in the livingroom. Big landscaped yard perfect for summer barbecue parties. Over 1500 Sq. Ft.

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NEWLY REMODELED... \$349,950

In Durant Manor on the San Leandro Border!! 2 BD 1BA Approx. 1093 sq ft gleaming HWF, new carpet in BRs, newly painted inside & outside, large kitchen & nook, inside laundry, newly landscaped private rear yard with arbor & fountain, 2-car detached garage, virtual tour www.pambersce.com

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WEST OAKLAND DUPLEX \$349,000

Upstairs is a 4/1, downstairs is a 3/1. Both units are occupied, please do not disturb occupants. Rents are \$1100 p/month. Huge side & front yard. Asking \$349,000 Noni Robinson 510-339-4000

TOO GOOD TO LAST! \$299,950

Hardwood floors, white kitchen cabinets, new carpet, freshly painted interior, new kitchen and bath floors, patio opens to common area, 2-story end unit in quiet community, does not back to freeway. Amenities include pool, spa, sauna, clubhouse, walking distance to downtown.

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CONTRACTORS SPECIAL \$239,000

Close to Lake Merritt. This traditional style home w/ 3 plus BR 2 baths needs everything. But what a great value! Probate sale subject to court conf. No open houses.

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WEEKLY SALES

ALAMEDA

1316 9th St - \$275,000
1202 Ballena Bl - \$499,000
146 Brighton Rd - \$553,000
2709 Central Av - \$299,000
1036 College Av - \$570,000
139 Diapian Bay - \$740,000
3030 Fernside Bl - \$464,000
106 Holly Oak Ln - \$429,000
319 Laguna Vista - \$669,000
14 Moss Pointe - \$585,000
7 Ratto Rd - \$671,000
2500 San Jose Av - \$452,000
2101 Shoreline 223 - \$326,000
16 Sunny Cove Cr - \$680,000
1321 Webster D306 - \$130,000
3305 Willis Ln - \$339,000
1160 Windward Ln - \$425,000

ALBANY

416 Cornell Av - \$650,000
626 Key Route Bl - \$550,000
625 Madison St - \$465,000
1116 Santa Fe Av - \$575,000
633 Santa Fe Av - \$505,000

902 Solano Av - \$491,000
938 Stannage Av - \$550,000

BERKELEY

2424 9th St #A - \$379,000
1507 Addison St - \$373,000
1741 Beverly Pl - \$700,000
2316 Blake St #B - \$359,000
2204 Bonar St - \$356,000
1442 Campus Dr - \$662,000
1622 Delaware St - \$665,000
1824 Derby St - \$365,000
2740 Derby St - \$1,175,000
1126 Francisco St - \$459,000
935 Grizzly Peak Bl - \$710,000
2804 Hillegass St - \$260,000
2812 Hillegass - \$240,000
725 Neilson St - \$480,000
2335 Oak St - \$722,000
1403 Parker St - \$343,000
1001 Sierra St - \$675,000
1644 Visalia Av - \$628,500

EL CERRITO

1708 Lexington 3 - \$240,000

1521 Norvell St - \$489,000
133 Ramona Av - \$518,000
413 Village Dr - \$380,000
7320 Waldo Ln - \$519,000
2628 Yuba Av - \$369,000

EL SOBRANTE

1224 Denicio St - \$365,000
1298 Kilcrease Cr - \$345,000
5709 Nottingham Dr - \$225,000
5849 Nottingham Dr - \$360,000
2008 Thompson Ln - \$600,000

EMERYVILLE

5 Admiral Dr #F407 - \$160,000

KENSINGTON

133 Ardmore Rd - \$792,000
275 Colusa Av - \$495,000
5 Kerr Av - \$441,000

OAKLAND

313 105th Av - \$1,100,000
2026 109th Av - \$190,000

2115 21st Av - \$230,000
1934 22nd Av - \$289,000
2234 25th Av - \$268,000
1200 32nd St - \$332,000
1004 39th Av - \$274,000
236 41st St - \$525,000
805 52nd Av - \$240,000
2621 57th Av - \$310,500
2835 60th Av - \$260,000
1042 60th St - \$401,000
2627 68th Av - \$237,000
1800 69th Av - \$255,000
2420 77th Av - \$289,500
2067 84th Av - \$281,000
1635 86th Av - \$210,000
1265 87th Av - \$220,000
2539 8th Av - \$505,000
4123 Allendale Av - \$275,000
1007 Amato Dr - \$837,000
1045 Aquarius Wy - \$950,000
3381 Arkansas St - \$297,000
6024 Ascot Dr - \$1,200,500
6504 Bancroft Av - \$289,000
6541 Bancroft Av - \$265,000

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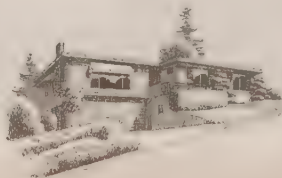


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1622 Fairview Street Open 2-4:30



ALBANY \$379,000
2/1 - Architect-designed cottage, totally rebuilt with permits. Elegant details including deck & hardwood floors.
1025 Kains Avenue Open 2-4



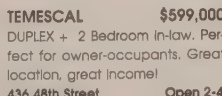
BERKELEY \$775,000
4/2 - Nestled in the hills. Enjoy views of Mt. Tam & the Bay from a large remodeled kitchen or spacious LR.
1238 Campus Drive Open 2-4:30



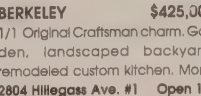
BERKELEY \$749,000
FOURPLEX - Fabulous & charming, units range in size from studio to 3-BR. Elmwood area shopping.
2302 Webster Street Open 2-4



N. OAKLAND \$479,000
TRIPLEX - Attractive with lots of character. Two 1BR and one 2BR. Excellent access on a quiet street.
653-55 54th Street Open 2-4



TEMESCAL \$599,000
DUPLICATE - 2 Bedroom in-law. Perfect for owner-occupants. Great location, great income!
436 48th Street Open 2-4



BERKELEY \$425,000
1/1 Original Craftsman charm. Garden, landscaped backyard, remodeled custom kitchen. More!
2804 Hillegass Ave. #1 Open 1-4



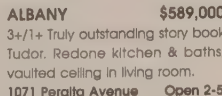
BERKELEY \$425,000
2/1 - Adorable bungalow with sunlit charm. Hardwood floors, fireplace, country kitchen, yard & more.
2315 Acton Street Open 1-4



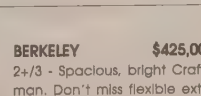
OAKLAND \$289,000
LOFT - Sophisticated living. Near Emeryville shops/all highways. Additional storage & 1 parking space.
3240 Peralta Street #12 Open 2-4



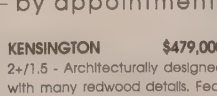
N. OAKLAND \$499,000
Duplex/SFH - Vacant Edgewood with yard awaits your TLC. Call UC, BART, restaurants.
437-39 65th Street Open 2-4



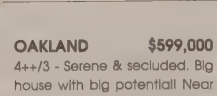
ALBANY \$589,000
3+/1+ Truly outstanding story book Tudor. Redone kitchen & baths, vaulted ceiling in living room.
1071 Peralta Avenue Open 2-5



BERKELEY \$425,000
2+/3 - Spacious, bright Craftsman. Don't miss flexible extra room! www.bobbilumberg.com



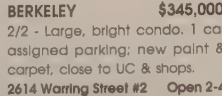
KENSINGTON \$479,000
2+/1.5 - Architecturally designed with many redwood details. Featured in "Better Homes & Gardens"



OAKLAND \$599,000
4+/3 - Serene & secluded. Big house with big potential. Near Sequoyah Country Club.



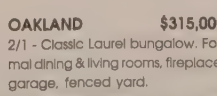
OAKLAND \$365,000
1/1 - Loft in a secure 15-unit version. 1,735 square feet. Call light. www.saragabedon.com
3016 Filbert Street #6 Open 2-4



BERKELEY \$345,000
2/2 - Large, bright condo. 1 car assigned parking; new paint & carpet, close to UC & shops.
2614 Waring Street #2 Open 2-4



BERKELEY \$298,000
2/1 - Needs cosmetics & updating but well worth it! Photos & more: www.bobbilumberg.com



OAKLAND \$315,000
2/1 - Classic Laurel bungalow. Formal dining & living rooms, fireplace, garage, fenced yard.



OAKLAND \$749,000
4/2.5 - Brand new architect-designed home in the hills. Views, quiet cul-de-sac, high-tech.



OAKLAND \$595,000
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4245 Roderick Rd - \$707,500
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6950 Saroni Dr - \$555,000
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3932 Woodruff Av - \$455,000

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39 Fairview Av - \$710,000

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MONTCLAIR \$1,650,000
BARDWICK AVENUE (Open 2-4:30)
Sty. peaceful 4+BR/2+BA traditional home. Includes library, 1,000 bottle wine cellar, sewing room, study, deck, and landscaped backyard. Debi Fitzgerald x1306



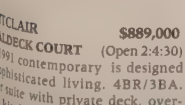
MONTCLAIR \$1,495,000
BOWEN ROAD (Open 2-4:30)
Sty. two-year-old home set on private knoll with top-of-the-world Bay views. Complete with terraced gardens, and sweeping lawns. 4+BR/3BA. Teri Carlisle x1305



CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$995,000
CARLTON AVENUE (Open 2-5)
Sty. listed, 3+BR/3+BA. Lovely garden, w/gleaming oak floors and landscaped lot. Charlotte Boyle x1306 & HELEN DANHAKL 547-5750



MONTCLAIR \$929,000
KREMER DRIVE (Open 2-4:30)
Sty. 13 year old contemporary with Bay and expansive canyon views. 3+BR/2BA. Christian Downer x1340



MONTCLAIR \$889,000
LUDWICK COURT (Open 2-4:30)
Sty. contemporary is designed with sophisticated living. 4BR/3BA. Suite with private deck, overlooking family room, den, office. Jeffrey Himmel x1307

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4+BR/2.5BA. Beautiful traditional built in 1915. Can be 2 units. Cook's kitchen. Lovely garden. Bonnie Hirsch x1337

HILLER HIGHLANDS \$775,000
1 BINNACLE HILL (Open 2-4:30)
3+BR/3BA. Fabulous remodel! Three suites. Loft and Bay view. Richard Heath x1357



BERKELEY \$675,000
865 COLUSA AVENUE (Open 2-4:30)
Once Masonic Temple now modern condos. 2BR/2BA, designer kitchen, hardwood floors, fireplace, patio, parking. Solano Ave. shopping at your doorstep. Leslie Easterday x1363



MONTCLAIR \$649,000
6625 LONGWALK DRIVE (Open 2-4:30)
Quintessential Montclair downslope with canyon views. 4+BR/2BA. Den could be 5th BR. Vaulted wood ceiling, hardwood floors. New decks. New paint in 6-out. Great storage spaces. Ann Nichols x1319

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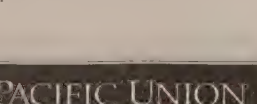
UPPER OAKMORE \$629,000
4308 ARCADIA AVENUE (Open 2-4:30)
Charming traditional 3BR/2BA with stunning Bay views, family room, fabulous deck & yard with level lawn area & patio. Donna Costella x1355.



MONTCLAIR \$599,000
5708 MERRIEWOOD DR. (Open 2-4:30)
Montclair charmer in sunny private setting. 3BR/2BA fireplace, hot tub, level lawn area. Ashley O'Neill x1368



REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$539,000
4601 STAUFFER PLACE (Open 2-4:30)
Beautiful 3BR/2.5BA home. Remodeled kitchen w/breakfast room. Spiral staircase to large family room. Tree views from every room. 2-car garage. Near shopping & transportation. Diane Earl McCan x1352



Open Sunday



REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$519,000
4225 MIDVALE AVE. (Open 2-4:30)
First time on market. Spacious 3BR/2BA contemporary. Fireplace in family room. Beautiful random plank hardwood floors. Large 2-car garage. Kathy Flynn x1317

BERKELEY \$495,000
885 COLUSA AVENUE (Open 2-4:00)
Once Masonic Temple now modern condos. 1+BR/1.5BA. two levels, big deck, peek of the Bay. Leslie Easterday x1363



REDWOOD HEIGHTS \$475,000
3523 VICTOR AVENUE (Open 2-4:30)
Partial Bay views. Open, flowing floor plan. 3+BR/2BA. 2 Fireplaces, 2 decks & updated kitchen! Lorri Arazi x1330



OAKLAND \$299,000
9870 OLIVE STREET (Open 2-4:00)
Charming 2+BR/1.5BA Monterey colonial style home in a friendly neighborhood, huge yard, Lanai, even a well! Don't miss out on this one! Fritz Hochfelner x1348



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CLAREMONT HILLS \$2,920,000
Custom details grace this newly built masterpiece. Beautiful views. Private 1.52+/- acre setting. 5+bedrooms/4.5 baths. David Ichikawa x1331

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Bay view lot, privacy. Approximately 12,800 square feet. One mile walk to BART. David Ichikawa x1331.

BERKELEY LOT \$250,000
Gentle upslope in sought-after North Berkeley location w/SF view. Nancy Noman x1373

Coming Soon



CROCKER HIGHLANDS \$765,000
With class English Tudor style, this 3BR/2BA home has character and a traditional central hall floor plan. The formal rooms are generous with lovely windows and hardwood floors. A beautiful backyard is level with patio and expansive lawn. Donna Costella x1355

MONTCLAIR \$749,000
Wonderful Montclair Traditional with 3 bridge views & yard. 3+BR/2BA. Family room, updated kitchen. Dick Cohen x1308 & Sandi Klemmer x1314

KENSINGTON
This four bedroom, two bath home enjoys a completely unobstructed panoramic Bay view centered on the Golden Gate. Recently decorated, is ready for move-in and immediate enjoyment. Charlotte Boyle x1370 & HELEN DANHAKL 547-5750

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Sales

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85 Fairview Av - \$995,000
340 Howard Av - \$639,000
957 Warfield Av - \$520,000

RICHMOND

17 13th St - \$217,500
168 16th St - \$345,000
626 16th St - \$172,000
444 33rd St - \$248,000
680 6th St - \$245,000
1218 Battery St - \$242,000
6221 Bernhard Av - \$360,000
3161 Birmingham 211 - \$213,500
4901 Buckboard Wy - \$435,000
1501 Chanslor Av - \$365,000
606 Commodore Dr - \$365,000
806 Commodore Dr - \$445,000
506 Deer Park Dr - \$489,000
2000 Dunn Av - \$297,000
1454 Monterey St - \$230,000
5846 Park Av - \$360,000
3330 Parkgate Ct - \$440,000
6234 Plymouth Av - \$475,000
25 Quail Hill Ln - \$330,000
620 Rock Rose Wy - \$471,500
628 Rock Rose Wy - \$453,000
5148 Simoni Dr - \$435,000
426 South 25th St - \$210,000
260 South 35th St - \$220,000
3630 Sunrise Ct - \$500,000
5500 Sutter Av - \$295,000
1611 Truman St - \$255,000
4485 Utah Dr - \$332,000
3742 Via Verdi - \$205,000
2511 Virginia Av - \$125,000
4716 Wall Av - \$249,000

SAN LEANDRO

1638 139th Av - \$325,000
1732 140th Av - \$405,000
1455 153rd Av - \$330,000

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318 D CYPRESS ST.
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SAN LEANDRO

1400 CARPENTER ST. #116
2 BD/2 BA. **SOLD** Plaza, walk to BART + train. \$249,000

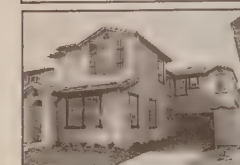
NEW LISTING

14388 OUTRIGGER DR.
3 Bdrm/2.5 Bath, 2-1 Car Garages. Townhouse. **PENDING** at Monarch Bay golf course. \$349,000

14402 OUTRIGGER DR.
Brand new carpeting, 2 Bdrm/2 Bath, upper unit, vaulted ceilings, appls incl., Two 1-car garages. **SOLD** to Monarch Bay golf course. \$299,000

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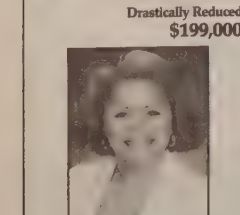
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15363 Farnsworth St - \$367,000
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1599 Hays St #201 - \$234,000
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15771 Maubert Av - \$275,000
843 Maud Av - \$425,000
575 Oakes Bl - \$467,500
2213 Oceanside - \$480,000

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KENSINGTON, 278 Lake Drive \$675,000
Charming brown shingle with architectural flair. Wonderful indoor-outdoor flow. Three bedroom plus study and family room. Many upgrades. On quiet street among beautiful trees.
Open Sunday 2-5
Alice and Anita Wilson 292-3056

BERKELEY, 1595 Euclid Avenue \$409,000
Condo with a view! Spacious upper level unit with 2 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths. Wood floors and paneling, built-ins, fireplace. Good closets. Detached garage with remote. North Campus neighborhood.
Open Sunday 2-4
Gloria Polanski 292-3049

RICHMOND ANNEX, 2017 San Mateo Ave. \$318,000
New listing! 1927 bungalow. One bedroom plus sunny family room addition with Golden Gate Bridge view and a small deck for enjoying sunsets. Large lot great for expansion or fabulous garden.
Open Sunday 2-4
Joan Underwood 559-2911

OAKLAND, 5495 Fairfax Avenue \$300,000
First time on market! Three bedroom, one bath house. Lovingly maintained and freshly painted inside & out. Formal dining room, new windows and hardwood floors. Storage space galore!
Open Sunday 2-4
Crystal Elliot 292-3041

OAKLAND, 551 Jean St. #103
Lovely condo...wonderful neighborhood within walking distance to shops, restaurants & Grand Ave shopping. One bedroom, one bath, Pergo floors, granite, pool, parking, storage.
Open Sunday 2-4
Alice McLeish 524-3333

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AVERAGE PRICE: \$476,824

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TOTAL SALES: 7
LOWEST PRICE: \$465,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$650,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$550,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$540,857

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TOTAL SALES: 18

LOWEST PRICE: \$240,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,175,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$530,639

EL CERRITO

TOTAL SALES: 6
LOWEST PRICE: \$240,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$519,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$419,167

EL SOBRANTE

TOTAL SALES: 5
LOWEST PRICE: \$225,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$600,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$360,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$379,000

EMERYVILLE

TOTAL SALES: 1
PRICE: \$160,000

KENSINGTON

TOTAL SALES: 3
LOWEST PRICE: \$441,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$792,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$495,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$576,000

OAKLAND

TOTAL SALES: 96
LOWEST PRICE: \$119,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$1,200,500

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PIEDMONT

TOTAL SALES: 4
LOWEST PRICE: \$520,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$995,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$716,000

RICHMOND

TOTAL SALES: 31
LOWEST PRICE: \$125,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$500,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$330,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$323,371

SAN LEANDRO

TOTAL SALES: 39
LOWEST PRICE: \$177,000
HIGHEST PRICE: \$660,000
MEDIAN PRICE: \$367,000
AVERAGE PRICE: \$375,090

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TOTAL SALES: 2
LOWEST PRICE: \$310,000
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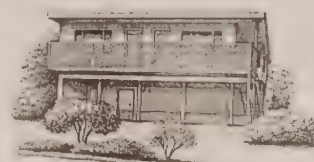
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\$375,000. Denise Milburn x35Parkwood Condominiums, Oakland
240 Caldecott Ln., #112
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\$284,950. Denise Milburn x352026 Parker St., #B, Berkeley
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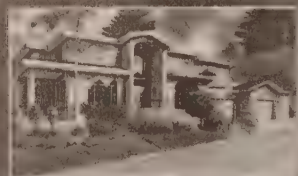
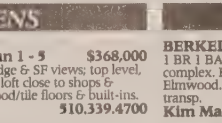
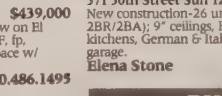
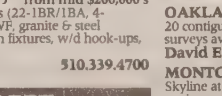
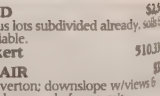
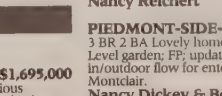
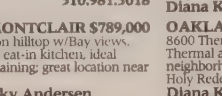
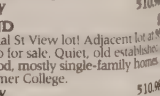
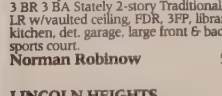
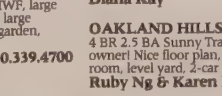
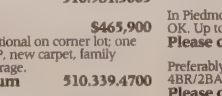
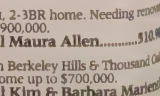
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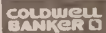


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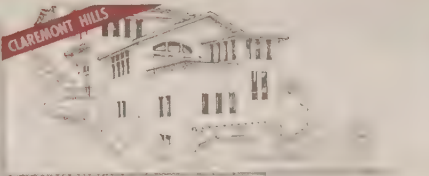
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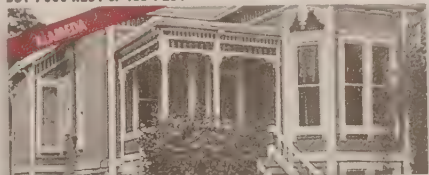
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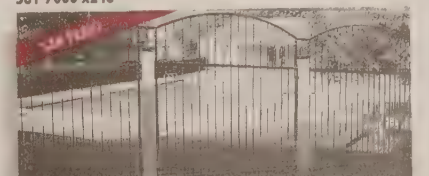
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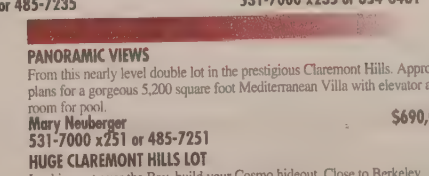
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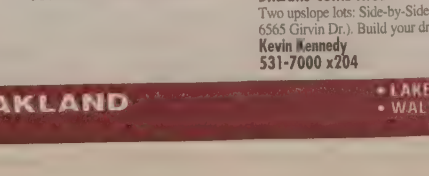
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Panthers simply too strong for Monarchs

St. Mary's uses its physical game to muscle Holy Names

By Mike McGreehan

STAFF WRITER
Fans who appreciate the aesthetics of basketball would have been pleased with what they saw Saturday night at Holy Names College. And those critics who have been eating crow after watching St. Mary's High School basketball team demolish Holy Names 48-27.

Holy Names (3-3 Bay Shore League, 11-7 overall) did what it could against the bigger physical Panthers. The Panthers even fought back from

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an 11-point first-half deficit to take a 25-23 advantage early in the third quarter. But St. Mary's quickly regained control by going on a 25-point run.

"We had a let-up in the second quarter, but then we came out (at halftime), played some 'D,' and made them work for their shots," St. Mary's co-coach Sean Dulan said.

What took place on the court wasn't pretty, but it still generated plenty of excitement. St. Mary's plays an aggressive street-ball style that befuddled Holy Names most of the night.

"A lot of that is the fact that we're so young," Dulan said. "We try to get into people's faces and not foul. We figured we could do that against Holy Names."

"They play (their aggressive, physical style) very well," Holy Names coach Dennis Flannery said of the Panthers. "They do a very nice job of it. It's hard when you don't play a lot of teams that play this style."

St. Mary's (4-1, 12-6) looked as if it would blow Holy Names off the court by running to a 14-4 lead after one quarter. But the Monarchs came back. A Junai Dawson 3-pointer closed the gap to 20-17 with 1:10 left before halftime. At 53 seconds, Johana Padilla hit a pair of free throws

to close within one point. St. Mary's ultimately went into halftime with a 22-19 lead.

Holy Names looked to continue its comeback effort to start the second half. A pair of Dawson free throws knotted the score at 23-23 with 6:30 left in the third quarter. Seconds later, Chantelle Dynes scored off a steal to give the Monarchs their only lead, a short-lived 25-23 advantage.

Holy Names did not score again until Brittney Williams drove the paint for a layup with 1:27 left.

Holy Names had its hands full with the Panthers' Shantrell Sneed, who finished with a game-high 25 points.

Sneed, however, was not alone in her domination, as fresh-

man Courtney Dunn was a force in the paint with nine points. Christina Johnson, another freshman, added six points.

Megan Leary finished with five points for the Panthers. Christina Thomas added a basket and Nicole Thompson, a former Holy Names player, had a free throw.

Natty Fripp started the game but did not figure in the scoring. Freshman point guard Sonjha Beam also did not score but recorded a couple assists and helped settle the offense.

"They get down two, then they decide to open it up a little bit, and they did," said Flannery. "That's a sign of the great basketball team that they are."

For Holy Names, Dawson

managed to break through the Panthers' pressing defense for 14 points, seven of them coming on free throws (Dawson had eight attempts from the foul line).

For the most part, though, the Monarchs were a subdued bunch.

"(St. Mary's) didn't do anything that we didn't expect them to do," Flannery said. "But you can't teach that aggressiveness and you can't recreate it in practice."

Padilla finished with six points. Dynes finished with three. Williams and Mawuli Ladzekpo added two points each.

The teams will play again at St. Mary's on Feb. 14. "Maybe then, we'll be ready for a little more pressure," Flannery said.

CAL NOTEBOOK

Oiler boys take lead in soccer

By Orlando Molina

STAFF WRITER

The boys soccer race in the Contra Costa Athletic League got a new leader last week when Richmond High School leapt into first place after a win over Berkeley at home on Jan. 23.

This week, the Oilers held the Yellow Jackets at bay with a 6-1 win over Pinole Valley last Tuesday.

The match was never in doubt as the Oilers scored four times in the first half to take a 4-1 lead. They added two more goals in the second half to put the match away.

Junior Jimenez scored two goals in the effort and Jose Sereno, one of the defensive stars, made the shutout of Berkeley, recorded eight saves.

The second-place Berkeley, which the Yellow Jackets bounced back to a 4-0 blanking of Encinal, will have to make his presence felt in a four-goal performance against three assists.

The win gave the Yellow Jackets two points behind Richmond in the ACCAL standings through Wednesday. One of the closer matches in the league, two second-half goals enabled Alameda to overtake El Cerrito 2-0.

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CAL NOTEBOOK

Nonleague teams show 'bots' power

By Scott Strain

STAFF WRITER

Piedmont Highlanders soccer team came up with two victories last week, defeating Castro Valley 1-0 and El Cerrito 4-3 in nonleague play, results that only solidified the Highlanders' standing as a team in the BSAL.

On Jan. 24 at Witter Field, the Highlanders nudged the Trojans 1-0. Hayley Lambert scored an assist from Whitney at 32 minutes. The Highlanders were outshot 9-7 by Casper, but goalkeeper Rosie made four saves.

On the other hand, Castro Valley's goalkeeper Melisa Onstead made Temple, Lambert and Ali Sabuncuoglu to keep the close.

Monday, Piedmont traveled to Pleasanton to play and spotted the Falcons in the second minute of the game. The Highlanders came back and scored three goals in the span of 10 minutes.

Ben Betts headed in a goal. Lambert at 12 minutes. Martine Donovan at 18 minutes. Ali Sabuncuoglu's corner

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al reality

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EL CERRITO'S Francesca Petroni, right, and Arden Bullard celebrate one of Petroni's two goals vs. Alameda on Tuesday.

Gauchos ride big second half to win

By Scott Strain

STAFF WRITER

A day after the girls soccer teams of Alameda High School and El Cerrito battled to a 1-1 tie on the Gauchos' home field, the two teams met again Tuesday at Thompson Field and the result was the same through one-half of play — 1-1.

But that was as good as it got for Alameda, as El Cerrito scored two goals in the second 40 minutes and came away with a big 3-1 victory.

The victory improved the Gauchos' record in the Alameda Contra Costa League to 7-2-1, five points behind Berkeley, which is 9-0-0 and has 27 points. It was the second league loss for Alameda (5-2-2) which now sits in fourth place with 17 points.

"We were tired, but I told them this was a game that would test how good we are," El Cerrito coach Robert Sackey said. "I wanted them to play a little bit

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better. Just hang in there and go a notch up. And they did that."

"Yesterday (Monday) was the first time we had played them (the Hornets) and we didn't know their strengths. We had a better idea of what would work today."

The Hornets had several good opportunities in the early going, with Gabby Assayag's free kick going right to El Cerrito goalkeeper Jenya Jawad at six minutes. Ashley Omphroy had a long run down the sideline a minute later, but her kick was wide.

El Cerrito senior Elisabeth Morrison had shots at 16 and 19 minutes, her first effort sailing over the Alameda goal. But she scored the first goal of the game at 22 minutes when she converted off a corner kick with an assist from Rachel Kucera.

The Hornets tied the match at

Monday

El Cerrito 1, Alameda 1

Alameda 1 0 1

El Cerrito 1 0 1

Scoring: Brittany Sims (EC) assisted by Rachel Kucera

15:00, Ashley Omphroy (A) assisted by Patricia Adjar

32:00, Saves: Kelly Marshall (A) 8, Jenya Jawad (EC) 6

Records: El Cerrito 9-3-2, 6-2-1 ACCAL, Alameda 5-1-2

ACCAL

Tuesday

El Cerrito 3, Alameda 1

El Cerrito 3 1 2

Alameda 1 0 1

Scoring: Elizabeth Morrison (EC) assisted by Rachel Kucera

22:00, Cameron Stuart (EC) assisted by Patricia Adjar

31:00, Francesca Petrone (EC) unassisted, 70:00, Petroni (EC) unassisted, 78:00, Saves: Jenya Jawad (EC)

10, Kelly Marshall (A) 7, Records: El Cerrito 10-3-2, 7-2-1

ACCAL, Alameda 5-2-2 ACCAL

The action was minimal in the second half, although the Gauchos did get most of the good chances. El Cerrito broke the tie when Francesca Petroni scored an unassisted goal at 70 minutes after a scramble in front of the Alameda goal. Arden Bullard shot first and it appeared that Marshall deflected the ball right into the path of Petroni. Eight minutes later, it happened again as Petroni, taking advantage of chaos in front of the Alameda goal, slipped a shot past Marshall for 3-1.

A one-goal deficit? Maybe. A two-goal disadvantage with two minutes to play was impossible for the Hornets.

"We actually played very well today," Alameda coach Stacy Thomas said. "We just didn't score. Defensively we didn't concentrate and let down. We made a number of small mistakes and those small mistakes will kill you."

1-1 at 31 minutes. Cameron Stewart scored from 10 yards with an assist from Addie Gay. The scoring sequence was set up by Omphroy.

Alameda goalkeeper Kelly Marshall had a couple of nice saves in the waning minutes of the first, and Hornets Marisa Green and Samantha Travis had shots go over the El Cerrito net.

Team play fuels El Cerrito's 10-game streak

By Phil Jensen

STAFF WRITER

The El Cerrito High School boys basketball team quietly has built quite a winning streak.

The last time the Gauchos lost was before Christmas, a 70-60 setback to McClymonds on Dec. 21. Since then, El Cerrito has rattled off 10 straight victories, including six straight in Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League play to hold first place.

"The biggest thing is that the players are starting to understand their roles and are moving from thinking in terms of individual play to thinking and acting in terms of team play," said El Cerrito coach Brent Daniels. "The concept of

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team play — the players are embracing it and enjoying it."

El Cerrito (15-3, 6-0 ACCAL) has spread around its scoring this season, as five players average 8.4 points per game or more. Leading the way is senior Jerryck Owens-Murray with 15.6 points per game, followed by senior Tita Davis (14.8 ppg), senior Joseph Fort (11.7 ppg), senior Russell Murray (8.9 ppg) and junior Patrick Mitchell (8.4 ppg).

The Gauchos also have an intense presence this season. The 6-foot-5 Owens-Murray and 6-6

Murray, a pair of transfers from Salesian, patrol the paint, as does the 6-3 Fort.

Davis gives the Gauchos a top-flight outside threat, as he has made 42 3-pointers already this season. That mark is one of the best in the region.

El Cerrito also has an experienced squad, as eight of the 11 players on the roster had varsity experience entering this season.

"Defensively this year, we're really focused on working on proper positioning in a man-to-man system," Daniels said. "We look to modify our fast break so we can look for mismatches offensively."

Daniels points to the Red Brown Tournament at Sir Francis

Drake-San Anselmo on Dec. 12-14 as a key to the team's success so far this season. The Gauchos won the championship, 62-49 over previously undefeated Drake. Owens-Murray was named the most valuable player of the tournament, while Davis and Mitchell earned all-tournament honors.

"The Drake tournament was a big confidence-builder for us," Daniels said. "That's when we really made a commitment to share the basketball and win as a team."

Now the Gauchos are concentrating on the ACCAL season and possibly upsetting Berkeley and Pinole Valley as league champions. The Gauchos travel to face the Yellow Jackets today at 4 p.m.

Coogler commits to Gaels

By Phil Jensen

STAFF WRITER

Ryan Coogler is sticking with a familiar name for his college career.

The St. Mary's High School wide receiver and defensive back said Monday that he has made an oral commitment to attend St. Mary's College next season on scholarship.

Coogler said he told new Gaels coach Vincent White of his intentions Saturday during an unofficial visit. Coogler said he had orally committed to the University of Pennsylvania as a cornerback earlier this month, but changed his mind and chose St. Mary's.

"I made my decision when I sat down and talked with coach White (on Saturday)," said Coogler, a Richmond resident. "It was a combination of coach White and their strong science program and their location. It's close enough so my family can see me play. It was the fact that I could play wide receiver and I could come in and make an impact immediately. I could tell (White) was a sincere man."

Coogler, who earned a 3.78 grade point average last semester, is planning to major in biochemistry and pursue a medical career.

"They have a whole new science wing and (the science program) is really respected," Coogler said of St. Mary's.

In 2002, Coogler caught 19 passes for 367 yards and five touchdowns for the Panthers and was named first-team All-Bay Shore Athletic League as a wide receiver. The 16-year-old also took official visits to Harvard and Princeton.

BRIEFS

Mid-County Officials Network seeks umpires

The Mid-County Officials Network is seeking fastpitch softball and baseball umpires for its 2003 season for Little League softball/baseball and high school softball/baseball. Game fees range from \$37-\$54 per game. Games are played in Contra Costa, Alameda and Solano Counties. The season begins in March. For training packets and information call 510-301-2928.

Basketball camp

The Ten Star All Star Summer Basketball Camp now is evaluating applications. The camp is by invitation only, and boys and girls 10-19 are eligible to apply. College scholarships are possible for players selected to the All-American team. For a free brochure, call 704-373-0873.

Cal lacrosse team clinics

The Cal lacrosse team will be holding two clinics run by the coaching staff and members from the women's team at Maxwell Field on the Cal Campus. A developmental clinic will be held Feb. 15-16 from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. and Feb. 17 from 9-11:30 a.m. The advanced team clinic will be held Feb. 15-16 from 2:30-7 p.m. and

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PREP BOYS BASKETBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	Oakland Tech	13-4	Bulldogs dispose of McClymonds 85-73 in battle of OAL unbeatens
2.	Amador Valley	17-2	Dons get another road test on Friday when they travel to Foothill
3.	Bishop O'Dowd	16-1	Mike Phelps becomes state's winningest coach with Tuesday's victory
4.	Berkeley	15-2	Hosts ACCAL showdown with El Cerrito on Friday
5.	De La Salle	12-5	Shakes scare at Deer Valley with wins over Pittsburg and Ygnacio Valley
6.	Newark Memorial	15-4	Cougars looking to finish perfect January
7.	Oakland	15-3	Gets back in OAL groove with 60-54 defeat of Skyline
8.	Dublin	12-5	In DFAL driver's seat as Northgate heads into tough part of schedule
9.	El Cerrito	15-3	Extends win streak to 10 games with wins over De Anza and Pinole Valley
10.	California	11-7	Grizzlies defense held Monte Vista to just 24 points on Tuesday
Others receiving votes: Foothill (15-3), Mt. Eden (15-1), Salesian (13-6), San Leandro (11-5).			

PREP GIRLS BASKETBALL POLL

Rank	School	Record	Comment
1.	Piedmont	17-2	Highlanders improve to 5-0 in BSAL with win over Kennedy
2.	Amador Valley	13-4	Dons roll past Granada 76-37
3.	Kennedy	18-2	Eagles to battle St. Mary's on Monday
4.	Berkeley	12-5	Yellow Jackets slip past Reno 60-57 in nonleague game
5.	Carondelet	15-2	Cougars still the team to beat in BVAL
6.	Moreau Catholic	14-2	Mariners knock off Bishop O'Dowd 39-35
7.	Bishop O'Dowd	15-2	Dragons drop second game of season with loss to Moreau Catholic
8.	Oakland Tech	12-7	Bulldogs trounce McClymonds 80-20 in OAL game
9.	Miramonte	11-6	Matadors beat Northgate 52-41 to remain undefeated in DFAL
10.	Alameda	14-3	Hornets slip past Pinole Valley 61-58
Others receiving votes: Castlemont (12-5), James Logan (11-6). Records through Tuesday.			

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The match remained scoreless until the 54th minute when **Ahmad Hatife** finally figured out the Gauchos defense. He led a breakaway down the right wing and beat El Cerrito goalkeeper **Michael Gonzalez** for a 1-0 lead.

Chris Dahl added some insurance 26 minutes later to cap the victory, and help put the Alameda and De Anza in a tie for third place at 19 points to start the week.

On the girls side, Berkeley remains on top of the mountain with a 4-0 shutout win over Encinal to stay undefeated in league play.

Four players scored for Berkeley and goalkeeper **Sara Corrigan-Gibbs** needed only two saves to preserve the win.

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kick at 19 minutes. Donovan scored again with an assist by Temple at 22 minutes.

Foothill made it 3-2 with a goal by **Lizzie Harland** at 26 minutes and Temple scored on a throw-in by Donovan at 75 minutes. Three minutes later **Amber McMahon** scored for Foothill to make it 4-3, and the last two minutes were tense as the Falcons tried to tie the score.

In this one, Aguilera made four saves and Foothill had 12 shots on goal.

How did the Piedmont players react after the victory?

"(Piedmont) thought it was the World Cup," Foothill coach **Sean Lemoine** said.

KENNEDY WINS TWO: According to Eagles coach **Khamhang Karnsouvang**, the Kennedy girls soccer team won its first match in four years on Jan. 22, defeating Holy Names 1-0.

Hercules added a little extra cushioning between itself and the league cellar with a 1-0 over De Anza.

The Titans notched the match's only goal in the 21st minute when **Jen Cadet** launched a long ball for **Erica Martin**, who blasted a shot past Dons goalkeeper **Nicole Lawrence**.

Basketball

The Hercules boys basketball team needed two overtime periods to defeat Encinal 89-87 on Tuesday.

The Jets took a 34-28 advantage at the half. But the Titans battled back in the second half, outscoring Encinal 42-36 to force the extra periods. Both teams scored just eight points in the first OT, but an 11-point second OT put the Titans on top to stay. Encinal's **Brian Kindem** led

both teams with 27 points followed by teammate **Danny Dozier** with 26. For the Titans, **Harry Brown** scored 26 points and pulled down 11 rebounds.

The El Cerrito girls basketball team outlasted Pinole Valley 48-45 on Tuesday.

The game was tight from the start as Pinole Valley took a 20-16 lead at the break. But the Gauchos outscored the Spartans 22-15 in the third quarter to pull ahead for good.

Melissa Stallworth and **Jordan McCormick** each led the Gauchos with 12 points. Defensively, **Analeise McGrew** registered 18 rebounds, five steals and two blocked shots.

For the Spartans, **Jontelle Smith** scored 17 points, and **Cheri Miller** followed with 14 points to go with her 12 rebounds.

CHATMAN WINS HONOR: Former Kennedy basketball player **Deidra Chatman**, now a freshman at the University of Virginia, earned Atlantic Coast Conference co-Rookie of the Week honors for the week of Jan. 20 with North Carolina's La'Tangela Atkinson.

Chatman came off the bench and provided support for the Cavaliers' ACC victories over Georgia Tech and Maryland. Against Georgia Tech on Jan. 16, Chatman had a career-high 11 points, a career-high five rebounds and blocked two shots in 16 minutes of action.

Against Maryland on Jan. 19, she scored four points and had three rebounds while blocking a career-high three shots. In 13 games, the 6-foot-6 center has averaged 2.2 points and 1.5 rebounds per game.

Staff writers **Phil Jensen** and **Bill Krussink** contributed to this notebook.

Coaching openings

Piedmont High School is looking for coaches for boys varsity volleyball and junior varsity tennis and girls junior varsity softball and junior varsity lacrosse. For boys sports, call **Mike Humphries** at 594-2640. For girls sports, call **Karyn Shipp** at 594-2744.

Bishop O'Dowd High School is looking for assistant coaches for softball, lacrosse and diving. All are spring sports. For more information, call athletic director **Mike Bowler** at 577-9100, ext. 401.

St. Joseph Notre Dame High School, 1011 Chestnut St. in Alameda, is seeking coaches in a variety of sports for its 2002-03 season.

Varsity coaches are needed for boys (spring) junior varsity baseball; girls (spring) junior varsity softball; and boys (spring) varsity tennis.

For more information, call athletic

director **Dan Curry** at 510-814-7146. Resumes or inquiries may be faxed to 510-523-6967.

Umpiring clinic

The Piedmont Baseball-Softball Foundation will hold a training session for umpires from 1-4 p.m. in the Piedmont Middle School multipurpose room on Sunday, Feb. 2. The clinic is open to everyone 13 and older. Baseball and softball games will take place in spring. All umpire assignments will be in Piedmont. Call 835-2556.

Rowing

The Oakland Strokes offer one of the premier junior rowing programs in the nation, giving high school boys and girls opportunities to learn rowing and to compete at club, regional, national and international levels. Contact the club via e-mail at membership@oaklandstrokes.org

ON DECK

Prep boys basketball

El Cerrito at Berkeley, 4 p.m. today — There is only one-half game separating the Alameda Contra Costa Athletic League-leading Gauchos and the Yellow Jackets entering this anticipated game.

Salesian at St. Mary's, 7 p.m. today — The two rivals face each other for the only time during the regular season.

St. Mary's at Kennedy, 7 p.m. Monday — After tough matchups on Friday, the situation doesn't get any easier for these two teams.

Prep girls basketball

Kennedy at St. Mary's, 7 p.m. Monday — A must-win for both teams if they want to have a chance to catch Piedmont in the regular season.

JC men's basketball

Contra Costa at Diablo Valley, 7

p.m. Tuesday — The Comets, who beat Marin 69-59 on Tuesday, will take on the Vikings, who suffered their first loss of the season Tuesday to Santa Rosa.

Boys soccer

St. Mary's at Kennedy, 3:30 p.m. today — The Panthers could use an upset of the BSAL-leading Eagles to climb back into the title hunt.

De Anza at Berkeley, 5 p.m. Thursday — The Yellow Jackets, who tied the Dons 0-0 on Jan. 25, will try to break the deadlock.

Girls soccer

Pinole Valley at Berkeley, 5 p.m. Tuesday — The Spartans will try to knock the Yellow Jackets from the ACCAL unbeaten ranks.

Albany at Berean Christian, 3:30 p.m. today — The Cougars, fresh off a 2-1 win over Salesian, will aim to defeat the Eagles, who lost to Piedmont 6-1 on Wednesday.

Stars of the week

Simon Knight, St. Mary's basketball — Knight scored 15 points in a 67-36 win over Piedmont in a 55-47 victory over

Brandon Hinchey, Albany basketball — Hinchey went 10-of-14 for 22 points and added nine rebounds in the 55-47 loss to St. Mary's.

Ashley Smith, Albany basketball — Smith scored two goals in a 1 win over St. Joseph.

Analeise McGrew, El Cerrito girls basketball — McGrew produced a triple-double at De Anza, as she scored 15 points, grabbed 15 rebounds and seven steals.

Joy White, Berkeley basketball — White sank three-pointers in the fourth quarter to help lead the Yellow Jackets, come-from-behind 56-48 win over Pinole Valley. White finished with 15 points.

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"ABOUT SCHMIDT": If you love Jack Nicholson, seeing Alexander Payne's ("Election") dark and rather mournful comedy should be high on your list. It features the actor in a state of mind in which we rarely see him: vulnerable, soul-searching and compromising in a way that ordinary people must often be. He is Nebraska Warren Schmidt, recently retired and widowed, and realizing how futile his life has been. Only one means to salvation: Stop his daughter (Hope Davis) from marrying a doofus waterbed salesman (Dermot Mulroney). — M. Pols. (R: language and brief nudity.) 2 hours, 4 minutes. A

"ADAPTATION": This latest collaboration from director Spike Jonze and screenwriter Charlie Kaufman, the "Being John Malkovich" team, is a heady, happy jumble of thought and storytelling, an insane comic undertaking that ultimately coheres into a sane and breathtakingly creative film. Ostensibly, it's about adapting Susan Orlean's book, "The Orchid Thief," to film, with Nicolas Cage doing double duty as the tortured screenwriter and his more successful twin brother. Add to this Meryl Streep as the author, doing shockingly un-Streepian things, and an Oscar-worthy performance by Chris Cooper ("Lone Star"). — M. Pols. (R: language, sexuality, some drug use and violent images.) 1 hour, 52 minutes. A

"A GUY THING": Another youthful sex farce with only glimmers of cleverness. There are three decent-enough performances by Jason Lee

OPENING TODAY

"BIKER BOYZ" (PG-13)
Contemporary Western set in the world of underground motorcycle racing. Laurence Fishburne plays the undisputed champ; Derek Luke (from "Antwone Fisher") is the new prodigy on the scene.

"FINAL DESTINATION 2" (R)
In this sequel to "Final Destination," a young girl begins having premonitions of death. When her friends start dying, she seeks out the lone survivor of the first movie for advice.

"THE GURU" (R)
A comedy about a young Indian immigrant (Jimi Mistry) who moves to New York, where he meets a lovely porn star (Heather Graham) and a socialite (Marisa Tomei), who believes he's a fa-

as groom-to-be Paul, Selma Blair as his society-girl fiancée Karen, and Julia Stiles as Becky, the girl who comes between them. Paul meets Becky at his bachelor party and wakes up the next morning with missing memories and Karen sleeping naked beside him. He gives her the bum's rush just before Karen drops by, and figures that's that. But disturbingly, Paul keeps bumping into Becky. They are both surprised to find out that Becky is cousin to the bride. It all climaxes at the wedding, as any movie that hopes to make money nowadays would. — B. Strauss. (PG-13: adult situations, language, violence, drug use.) 1 hour, 41 minutes. C

"ANTWONE FISHER": "Good Will Hunting" joins the Navy in this real-life story of a troubled but admirable young man who finds his better self with the help of the troubled but well-meaning psychiatrist he is ordered to see. It's formulaic and idealized, but there is real heart beneath this story's thick shelling of lost man-child sensitivity. The fact that the real Antwone Fisher wrote the screenplay and that first-time feature director Denzel Washington can marshal his troops just as well as he deploys his own prodigious acting talents contribute mightily to this pleasing result. — B. Strauss. (PG-13: language, violence, children in jeopardy.) 1 hour, 57 minutes. B

"BOWLING FOR COLUMBINE": Just hours before they killed a dozen classmates and a teacher at Columbine High School, Eric Harris

and Dylan Klebold went bowling. Was there a connection? It is logical to blame the sport or, for that matter, any single thing for America's violent nature? "Bowling for Columbine" doesn't have the answers, and really doesn't expect to find them. For documentary writer-director Michael Moore, the asking is what's important. — K. Turan. (R: some violent images and language.) 1 hour, 59 minutes. B

"LOST IN LA MANCHA" (R)
Documentary about filmmaker Terry Gilliam trying — and failing — to make a very personal movie about Don Quixote, starring Johnny Depp.

"LOVE LIZA" (R)
After his wife's sudden suicide, a Web designer (Philip Seymour Hoffman) begins a private odyssey of grief that includes an unusual addiction. Kathy Bates co-stars as his mother-in-law.

"THE RECRUIT" (PG-13)
Al Pacino plays a CIA recruiter who brings Colin Farrell into the fold for a top-secret mission that will eventually jeopardize his love affair with another agent (Bridget Moynahan).

and Dylan Klebold went bowling. Was there a connection? It is logical to blame the sport or, for that matter, any single thing for America's violent nature? "Bowling for Columbine" doesn't have the answers, and really doesn't expect to find them. For documentary writer-director Michael Moore, the asking is what's important. — K. Turan. (R: some violent images and language.) 1 hour, 59 minutes. B

"CATCH ME IF YOU CAN": Director Steven Spielberg has pulled off a neat feat, with two cool movies in one year. He's likely to get more praise for the darkly futuristic "Minority Report," but the pleasure is all ours in this fleet-footed treat, based on a true story. Leonardo DiCaprio plays Frank Abagnale Jr., who began his career as a con artist as a teen in the '60s. With Tom Hanks as the workaholic FBI man who pursues him through bogus identities as a doctor and Pan Am pilot. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sexual content and brief language.) 2 hours, 20 minutes. A-

"CHICAGO": Why was it again that Hollywood stopped making movie musicals? Who decided we shouldn't leave a theater humming that catchy tune, fighting the urge to tap dance our way across the lobby? "Chicago" is the kind of uplifting, exhilarating movie that makes you ask these questions. Vastly talented Renee Zellweger even manages to upstage diva Catherine Zeta-Jones in this tawdry tale, originally based on true-crime cases and later made into a Broadway musical. — M. Pols. (PG-13: sex-

ual content and dialogue, violence and thematic elements.) 1 hour, 53 minutes. A

"CITY OF GOD": Fernando Meirelles' scorching anecdotal history of violence in the slums of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, traces the decline of a neighborhood, Cidade de Deus (City of God), from a sun-baked shantytown where children while away the days in soccer games and petty thievery into a shadowy slum teeming with armed adolescent warriors. The portrait of a boy soldier enlisting in a volunteer criminal army with an astronomical mortality rate is one of the movie's many profoundly unsettling images. Adapted from a best-selling novel by Paulo Lins, who grew up in Cidade de Deus. Its narrator, Rocket (Alexandre Rodrigues), is a young photographer from the same neighborhood, whose loose-jointed yarns follow the fates of a number of his childhood acquaintances. — S. Holden. (R: scenes of violence and graphic sex talk.) 2 hours, 10 minutes. A-

"CONFESSIONS OF A DANGEROUS MIND": Affection for Chuck Barris is not a prerequisite, thankfully. Even those who despised the creator and host of the monumentally grating 1970s hit "The Gong Show" may get caught up in the merry pace of George Clooney's directorial debut, an adaptation of Barris' autobiography, which "revealed" he had a second, secret career as a contract killer for the CIA. Sam Rockwell is excellent as Barris, Drew Barrymore the bee's knees as his girlfriend, and Clooney and Julia Roberts are fine in peripheral roles. The movie whizzes by in a whirl of smart comedy and snappy visual styles Clooney borrows from his past directors, but it bogs down in its refusal to make any judgments about Barris. Hanging out in the middle of the road, no matter how good the scenery, eventually gets dull. — M. Pols. (R: for language, sexual content and violence.) 1 hour, 53 minutes. B

"DARKNESS FALLS": Here's a film that gives B-movies a bad name. Long ago, in the town of Darkness Falls, an old woman gave gold coins to children in exchange for their baby teeth, earning her the nickname Tooth Fairy. When a couple of children go missing, the old woman is lynched by the townspeople, and her ghost has haunted the place ever since. Flash-forward to the present, as we meet Kyle Walsh (Chaney Kley), a young man who once saw the ghost and lived to tell about it. Kyle returns to Darkness Falls when his childhood sweetheart (Emma Caulfield), seeks his help — her little brother is

plagued by the same night terrors that Kyle once had, and may be a target of the Tooth Fairy. — G. Dowell. (PG-13: language, violence.) 1 hour, 15 minutes. D

"FAR FROM HEAVEN": Perhaps only one filmmaker a year finds a new way to make our mouths hang open. This year, it is writer/director Todd Haynes, who bravely attacks our ennui with the last weapon we might have expected, a Douglas Sirk-style overwrought melodrama right out of the repressed 1950s, complete with a Technicolor palette and a cheesy musical score. Julianne Moore stars as a gracious Connecticut housewife who discovers that her loving husband (Dennis Quaid) is actually gay. A blast of air, albeit deliberately stagnant, up the skirts of the moviegoing public. — M. Pols. (PG-13: mature thematic elements, sexual content, brief violence and language.) 1 hour, 47 minutes. A

"GANGS OF NEW YORK": For 30 years, Martin Scorsese has longed to take us back to the days when New York City was the dangerous home of warring immigrants. The director's passionate and laudable intent is to show young America at its most elemental, boiling over with bigotry and resentments, free of the idealistic gloss fiction often gives our history. It's unfortunate, then, that "Gangs" — based on a semi-journalistic cut book — never pulses with real life. Plenty of veins get sliced open, but there's no sense that the blood pouring forth actually comes from a human being. Daniel-Day Lewis steals the show as Bill the Butcher, head of one gang, far outshining Leonardo DiCaprio as leader of the other. — M. Pols. (R: intense violence, sexuality, nudity and language.) 2 hours, 45 minutes. B-

"THE HOURS": Director Stephen Daldry's film is based on the Pulitzer Prize-winning tribute to Woolf, which imagines her 1941 suicide and how her fiction resonates in the lives of two women in the future. Julianne Moore and Meryl Streep are great, but Nicole Kidman is the show-stopper as Woolf. She's been outfitted with a fake nose; even her blue eyes are darker than usual, as if burdened by the writer's mania. The actress is convincing both as a genius at the height of her craft, and as a woman desperate to escape the pain of her own insanity. — M. Pols. (PG-13: mature thematic elements, some disturbing images, brief language.) 1 hour, 53 minutes. A

"JUST MARRIED": Ashton Kutcher plays Tom Leezak, a goofy, middle-class young man trying to win the heart of a rich girl named Sarah (Brittany Murphy) and the respect of her snooty family. The movie begins with the breakup of Tom and Sarah's marriage — and then flashes back to tell

the story of how they may have loved. It's a jerry-built structure, with as many dramatic turns as a roller coaster, but, even at its best, it's mildly amusing. — G. Kley. (PG-13: sexual content, crude humor and references.) 1 hour, 35 minutes. D

"KANGAROO JACK": Rap pac, here comes a rapping Charlie (Jerry O'Connell), who (Anthony Anderson), away from Brooklyn, end up in a trailan Outback when they tally infuriate Charlie's boss stepfather, Sal (Chris Walken). To try to get good graces, they attempt \$50,000 to an Aussie to their way to make the money. Jeep hits a kangaroo while and hops off with Sal's car. Charlie and Louis pursue a pial, Charlie begins to kill Kangaroo Jack rapin. — J. Boyar. (PG: language, violence, sexual violence, 10 minutes. F

"THE LORD OF THE RINGS TWO TOWERS": The second of director Peter Jackson's screen adaptation of J.R.R. Tolkien's great trilogy is as intoxicating as "Fellowship." Jackson weaves together three different scenes, taking as his canvas scene to which Tolkien devoted a dozen or so pages — the defense of Helm's Deep. It's a choice, one of the most beautiful scenes ever filmed. The effects, most notably the computer-generated creature Gollum, movements by Andy Serkis with the unfortunate exocats. Ents, who look a bit too Gumbys. — M. Pols. (PG-13: battle sequences and some violence.) 2 hours, 59 minutes. A-

"MAID IN MANHATTAN": Those romantic comedies — a given that one lover will other at some point and be shocked disbelief, "It's not to worry much," though heronise Marisa's (Jennifer Aniston) secret is a joke.

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FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Showtimes for Friday January 24
Albany Cinema

Act 1 and 2
2128 Center Street, Berkeley 510-843-3456
●Bowling for Columbine (R) 7, 9:45
●Talk to Her (R) 7:15, 10.

Albany Twin
1116 Solano Ave. Albany 510-843-3456
●The Pianist (R) 10:45, 1:45, 5, 8:15
●Rabbit-Proof Fence (PG) 11:30, 2, 4:30, 7, 9:15.

AMC Bay Street 16
5614 Shellmound St. Emeryville 510-457-4262
●25th Hour (R) 1:10, 3:30, 4:30, 6:30, 7:45, 9:30, 11.
●Adaptation (R) 1:05, 4, 7:10, 9:55.
●Antwone Fisher 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 10:05.
●Catch Me If You Can 1:40, 5, 7, 8:10, 10:15, 11:15.
●Chicago 1:15, 2:15, 4, 5, 7:05, 8:15, 10, 11:05.
●Darkness Falls (PG-13) 1:20, 2:45, 3:45, 5:20, 6:15, 7:45, 8:45, 10:15, 11:15.
●Gangs of New York (R) 1:10, 4:45, 8:15.
●The Hours (PG-13) 1:30, 2:30, 4:10, 5:15, 7, 8, 9:45, 10:45.
●The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) 1, 2:15, 4:45, 6:20, 8:30, 10:15.
●Two Weeks Notice 1:50, 4:25, 7:25, 9:50.
●The Wild Thornberys Movie (PG) 1:25, 4:20.

California Theatre
1131 Killebrew St. Berkeley 510-843-3456
●25th Hour (R) 1, 4, 7, 9:45.
●About Schmidt (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7:15, 9:55.
●Darkness Falls (PG-13) 1:30, 3:30, 5:30, 7:30, 9:30.

Chabot Space & Science Center
10000 Skyline Blvd., Oakland 510-336-7300
●The Human Body (NR) 11:30, 2:30, 4:30, 8:30.
●The Living Sea (Not Rated) 3:30, 5:30.
●Mysteries of Egypt (Not Rated) 12:30.
●To Be an Astronaut (Not Rated) 10:30.

Elmwood 3
2966 College Ave., Berkeley 510-849-0530
●Punch-Drunk Love (R) 9:15.
●Real Women Have Curves (PG-13) 7.
●Rivers and Tides (Not Rated) 5:10, 7:15, 9:15.
●Standing in the Shadows of Motown (PG) 4:50, 8:45.
●Tully (Not Rated) 4:55, 7:05.

Fine Arts Cinema
2451 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-848-1143
●The Beginning And The End (Not Rated) 7:45.
●The Fishers of Dar (Not Rated) 7.

Renaissance Grand Lake
3200 Grand Ave., Oakland 510-452-3556
●About Schmidt (R) 1, 4:15, 7, 9:35.
●Catch Me If You Can 12:15, 3:30, 5:15, 6:30, 9:30.
●Confessions of a Dangerous Mind (R) 11:45, 2, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45.
●The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) 12, 4, 7:45.

Jack London Stadium
100 Washington, Oakland 510-433-1320
●Antwone Fisher 10:50, 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:35.
●Catch Me If You Can (PG-13) 12:30, 3:35, 6:40, 9:45.
●Chicago (PG-13) 10:50, 1:30, 4:10, 6:50, 9:35.
●Darkness Falls (PG-13) 10:55, 1, 3:10, 5:25, 7:35, 9:50.
●A Guy Thing (PG-13) 11:30, 1:50, 4:20, 7, 9:30.

●The Hours 11:10, 1:45, 4:30, 7:15, 9:55.
●Kangaroo Jack (PG) 11, 1:10, 3:25, 5:40, 7:55, 10:10.
●The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) 1, 4:45, 8:30.
●National Security (PG-13) 11:10, 1:25, 3:40, 5:55, 8:10, 10:25.

Renaissance Oaks Theatre *
1075 Solano Ave., Berkeley 510-526-1636
●Gangs of New York (R) 7:15.
●Kangaroo Jack (PG) 7, 9.

Parkway Theater
1834 Park Blvd., Oakland 510-814-2400
●Frída (R) 7, 9:45.
●Gangs of New York (R) 9:15.
●My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 6:30.

Piedmont Theatre
4186 Piedmont Ave., Oakland 510-843-3456
●Adaptation (R) 11:50, 2:20, 4:50, 7:30, 10, 12:30.
●Bowling for Columbine (R) 11:30, 2, 4:30, 7:10, 9:40.
●Talk to Her (R) 11:40, 2:10, 4:40, 7:20, 9:50.

Shattuck Cinemas *
2230 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-3456
●Adaptation (R) 1:15, 4, 7:10, 9:50.
●Blackboards (N) 12:45, 2:50, 5, 7:15, 9:20.
●Catch Me If You Can 12:30, 3:30, 6:30, 9:30.
●Confessions of a Dangerous Mind (R) 12:05, 2:35, 5:05, 7:35, 10, 9:30.
●Far from Heaven (PG-13) 12:10, 4:40, 9:10.
●Frída (R) 2, 4:40, 7:20, 9:55.
●The Hours 12, 2:40, 5:45, 7, 8:15, 9:35.
●Max (R) 1:10, 3:55, 7:05, 9:45.
●My Big Fat Greek Wedding (PG) 2:25, 6:55.
●Nicholas Nickleby (PG) 1, 3:50, 6:50, 9:40.

United Artists Berkeley 7
2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 510-843-1467
●Antwone Fisher (PG-13) 12:40, 3:40, 7, 9:50.
●Chicago (PG-13) 12:15, 2:55, 5:35, 8:15, 10:55.
●A Guy Thing 12:10, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:40.
●Just Married (PG-13) 12:30, 3, 7:10, 10.
●The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) 12:15, 4, 8.
●Narc (R) 12, 2:45, 5:30, 8:15, 10:50.
●National Security 12:20, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10.

United Artists Emery Bay *
6330 Christie Ave., Emeryville 510-420-0107
●About Schmidt (R) 12:30, 3:45, 7, 9:45.
●Confessions of a Dangerous Mind (R) 12:50, 4, 7:10, 10.
●Drumline (PG-13) 8:45, 9:30.
●A Guy Thing 12:10, 2:40, 5:10, 7:40, 10:10.
●Just Married 12:40, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20.
●Kangaroo Jack (PG) 12, 12:45, 2:15, 3, 4:30, 5:30, 8, 10:15.
●Max (R) 12:15, 2:45, 5:15, 7:45, 10:15.
●Narc (R) 12:10, 2:30, 5, 7:30, 10.
●National Security (PG-13) 12, 1, 2:15, 3:15, 4:45, 5:45, 7:15, 8:15, 9:30, 10:30.

Central Contra Costa

Renaissance Orinda Theatre *
4 Orinda Theatre Sq., Orinda 925-254-9060
●Catch Me If You Can (PG-13) 7:30.
●Confessions of a Dangerous Mind (R) 7, 9:30.
●The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) 7:45.

Renaissance Park Theatre
3519 Golden Gate Way., Lafayette 925-283-7997

●Chicago (PG-13) 1:30, 4:15, 7, 9:30.

Rheem Theatre *
350 Park St., Moraga 925-988-3411
●About Schmidt (R) 4:30, 7, 9:30.
●Darkness Falls (PG-13) 5:15, 7:40, 9:40.
●Just Married (PG-13) 4:45, 7:10, 9:20.
●Kangaroo Jack (PG) 5, 7:20, 9:25.

West Contra Costa

Century 16 Hilltop
3200 Kluge Way Richmond 510-758-2345
●About Schmidt (R) 11:30, 2:15, 5, 7:45, 10:30.
●Antwone Fisher (PG-13) 11:35, 2:15, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30.
●Catch Me If You Can (PG-13) 12:20, 3:30, 6:55, 10:20.
●Chicago (PG-13) 11:45, 2:20, 5:05, 7:35, 10:05.
●Confessions of a Dangerous Mind (R) 11:40, 2:25, 5:15, 7:50, 10:25.
●Darkness Falls (PG-13) 11:50, 1, 2, 3:05, 4:10, 5:20, 6:20, 7:30, 8:30, 10, 10:30.
●Drumline (PG-13) 9:35.
●Gangs of New York (R) 3:35, 9:50.
●A Guy Thing (PG-13) 12:10, 2:35, 5, 7:25, 9:55.
●Just Married (PG-13) 12:55, 3:10, 5:25, 7:40, 10:10.
●Kangaroo Jack (PG) 11:30, 12:35, 1:40, 2:45, 3:50, 4:55, 6, 7:05, 8:05, 10:25.
●The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) 12:15, 4:05, 7:55.
●Maid in Manhattan (PG-13) 1:05, 7:15.
●National Security (PG-13) 11:25, 12:30, 1:35, 2:40, 3:40, 4:50, 5:50, 7, 8, 9:25, 10:15.
●Two Weeks Notice (PG-13) 12:05, 2:30, 4:55, 7:20, 9:45.

San Francisco

AMC Van Ness 14 *
1000 Van Ness Ave., 415-922-4262
●25th Hour (R) 1:10, 4:25, 7:30, 10:35.
●About Schmidt (R) 1:15, 4:10, 7:05, 10:15.
●Adaptation (R) 2:15, 5:25, 8:10, 11.
●Catch Me If You Can 2, 5:05, 8:25, 11:35.
●Confessions of a Dangerous Mind (R) 1:20, 4:15, 7, 9:45.
●Darkness Falls 1:30, 3:40, 5:50, 8, 10:20, 12:30.
●Gangs of New York (R) 1:30, 5:10, 8:50.
●A Guy Thing (PG-13) 2:20, 5:30, 7:50, 10:20.
●The Hours (PG-13) 2:05, 5, 7:45, 10:30.
●Just Married (PG-13) 2:30, 5:15, 7:45, 10:10.
●Kangaroo Jack (PG) 1:05, 3:20, 6, 8:20, 10:40.
●The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) 1, 4:55, 8:50.
●Narc (R) 1:55, 4:40, 7:15, 10.
●National Security (PG-13) 2:10, 4:50, 7:10, 9:30, 11:50.

AMC Kabuki 8 *
1881 Post St., San Francisco 415-391-9800
●Antwone Fisher (PG-13) 1:30, 4:45, 7:45, 10:40.
●Catch Me If You Can (PG-13) 12:40, 4, 7:15, 10:30.
●Darkness Falls (PG-13) 12:55, 3:10, 5:30, 7:55, 10:10.
●Gangs of New York (R) 12:30, 4:25, 8:15.
●A Guy Thing (PG-13) 1:40, 4:55, 7:35, 10.
●Kangaroo Jack (PG) 1:10, 4:15, 7, 9:30.
●National Security (PG-13) 1:50, 5:10, 8:05, 10:20.
●Two Weeks Notice (PG-13) 1:20, 4:35, 7:25, 9:50.

Bridge Theatre *
3010 Geary Blvd., San Francisco 415-352-0818
●Nicholas Nickleby (PG) 2, 5, 8.

Castro Theatre *
429 Castro St., San Francisco 415-621-6120
●Shakedown (Not Rated) 7:20
●The Raging Tide (Not Rated) 9.

Clay Theatre
2281 Fillmore Street, San Francisco 415-352-0810
●The Pianist (R) 11:30, 3, 6:30, 10.

Embarcadero Center Cinema *
1 Embarcadero Center, San Francisco 415-352-0810

●Bowling for Columbine (R) 12, 2:30, 5:05, 7:40, 10:15.
●City of God (R) 1, 4, 7, 9:45.
●Far from Heaven (PG-13) 1:30, 4:10, 7:20, 9:50.
●Rabbit-Proof Fence (PG) 12:30, 2:40, 5, 7:10, 9:20.
●Talk to Her (R) 12:10, 2:50, 5:15, 7:50, 10:10.

Lumiere Theatre *
1572 California St., San Francisco 415-352-0810
●Frída (R) 1:15, 4:15, 7, 9:30.
●Max (R) 1, 4:30, 7:15, 9:45.
●Morvern Callar (Not Rated) 12:45, 3, 5:15, 7:30, 10.

Opera Plaza Cinema *
601 Van Ness Blvd. San Francisco 415-352-0810
●Blackboards (Not Rated) 12, 2:20, 4:40, 7, 9:20.
●Derrida (Not Rated) 12:30, 2:50, 5:15, 7:30.
●R.S. Your Cat is Dead (Not Rated) 12:15, 5, 9:30.
●Personal Velocity (R) 2:35, 7:15.
●Real Women Have Curves (PG-13) 12:45, 3:05, 5:30, 7:45, 9:50.

The Red Vic Theatre *
1727 Haight, San Francisco 415-688-3994
●Chain Camera (Not Rated) 7:15, 9:15.
●Chain Camera (Not Rated) 7:15, 9:15.

Loews Theatres Metreon *
101 Fourth St., San Francisco 415-369-6200
●25th Hour (R) 12:50, 4, 7:30, 10:40.
●About Schmidt (R) 12, 3:20, 7, 10:10.
●Adaptation (R) 12:40, 4:35, 7:10, 10:15.
●Catch Me If You Can (PG-13) 11:30, 3:05, 6:35, 10:05.
●Chicago (PG-13) 10:40, 12:30, 1:30, 3:30, 4:20, 6:30, 7:20, 9:30, 10:20.
●Confessions of a Dangerous Mind (R) 11:50, 2:40, 5:30, 8:20, 11:10.
●Darkness Falls (PG-13) 11, 1:10, 3:40, 6, 8:40, 11:20.
●Gangs of New York (R) 11:10, 2:35, 6:20, 9:50.
●A Guy Thing (PG-13) 11:40, 2:30, 5:20, 8, 10:50.
●The Hours (PG-13) 10:50, 1:20, 3:50, 6:40, 9:40.
●Just Married (PG-13) 12:20, 3, 5:10, 7:50, 10:30.
●Kangaroo Jack (PG) 11:20, 1:40, 4:10, 6:50, 9:10.
●The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-13) 10:30, 2:20, 6:10, 10.
●National Security (PG-13) 10:45, 1, 3:10, 5:50, 8:30, 11.

Loews Imax Theatre *
101 Fourth St., San Francisco 415-369-6200
●The Lion King (G) 10:30, 12:40, 2:50, 5, 7:10, 9:20.
●The Lord of the Rings: The Two Towers (PG-1

BRIEFS

Exhibit celebrates African history makers
RICHMOND — "In Celebration of Black History: Inventors and History Makers" is an art exhibit celebrating African American inventors, artists, scientists, and other his- torical figures who have made significant contributions to the world. The exhibit opens Feb. 15 and continues through April 15 at the Richmond Health Center, 1000 West and Bissell.

The exhibit highlights digital prints and paintings by James Gayles and digital prints by Arthur Wright that showcase black scientists and history makers.

The show is sponsored by Contra Costa Health Services' Quilt of Many Colors project at Richmond Health Center.

"Our cultural perspective is still affected by a race-based history that excluded the contributions of African Americans," says

project coordinator Ann Schnake. "It is important to present positive imagery and unrecognized histories, particularly during Black History Month."

The exhibit can be viewed Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesdays and Thursdays 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

A special opening reception will be held Feb. 10 from noon to 1:30 p.m., featuring an ap-

pearance by blues and gospel singer Lady Bianca.

Details: Ann Schnake, 510-374-7082

High school students' videos in screening
BERKELEY — Ever wonder what that teenager who passes you on the street is really thinking? Come hear students' voices, uninterrupted and uninhibited,

and support the talent of tomorrow. Screenagers, the fifth annual Bay Area High School Film & Video Festival, takes place at 3 p.m. on Sunday, Feb. 2, at the Pacific Film Archive in Berkeley.

Recommended for ages 14 and up, the festival offers videos created by Bay Area high school students (a handout listing all the selections will be available at the festival) and a discussion with the filmmakers will follow the 90-minute screening.

The festival is curated by students in Berkeley High School's Communications Arts and Sciences program, in collaboration with the ArtsBridge Scholars program of the Consortium for the Arts at UC Berkeley and the Pacific Film Archive.

Admission is \$4.50.

The PFA Theater is at 2575 Bancroft Way at Bowditch in Berkeley. Details: 510-642-1412.

Reviews

THE CLEVER AND THE AMBITIOUS (PG-13): A clever and ambitious series of short films, this collection of 10 stories is a blue-blooded politician (John Fennell), whose most notable feature is the love he dis- tinguishes. As Cinderella's story, one has his charms — "The sassy as Chris's cam- araderie is among them — but Wayne Wang lets it collapse small heap at the end. — M. M. (PG-13: language, sexual refer- ence) 1 hour, 43 minutes. C

THE FATHER (PG): Director Menno Mey- er's and wistful film, John Fennell's title character, a young teacher, falls for her, too. Vardalos and Corbett together are like- able enough to make this movie more tolerable than the average ro- mantic comedy. — C. Lemire. (PG: sensuality and language) 1 hour, 35 minutes. C+

"NARC": Executive producer Tom Cruise loved this movie, calling it "fresh" and "exhilarating." But don't believe the hype. In writer/director Joe Carnahan's film, Jason Patric plays Nick, a disgraced undercover narcotics officer who is offered a fresh chance with the force if he can solve the murder of another narcotics cop. He's assigned to work the case with Henry (Ray Li- otta), the dead cop's former partner, who happens to be a bit of a rogue. The story is well-paced and -acted, but the twist at the end seems obvi- ous, and there's nothing here you won't see on a good episode of "NYPD Blue." — M. Pols. (R: strong brutal violence, drug content and pervasive language.) 1 hour, 42 minutes. C+

"NATIONAL SECURITY": Martin Lawrence's latest has a couple of

good sight gags and a genially sub- versive attitude toward race relations. But in every other particular, it's a slapdash, heavily marked-down affair. The big problem is that the character Lawrence is playing is too unpleasant to be funny. The first time we see him, he's making up testimony that unfairly puts a nice cop (Steve Zahn) behind bars, leading to the cop los- ing both his job and his fiancée. That makes Lawrence a tough character to redeem, even when he and Zahn (after prison) hook up as sub-"Lethal Weapon" violence-buddies. — C. He- witt. (PG-13: foul language, language, some sensuality.) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B

"NICHOLAS NICKLEBY": Writer/director Douglas McGrath's heavily abridged version of Charles Dickens' classic moves with the unnatural briskness of someone who ingested bad Hunan shrimp at lunch. Charac- ters dart on- and off-screen, solve each other's problems well before tea-time, and drop dead with great ef- ficiency. This isn't just the CliffsNotes version of "Nicholas Nickleby." It's the CliffsNotes with pages missing. Mc- Grath ("Emma") has managed to cram some awfully sweet stuff into 132 minutes of screen time, however, and the movie is beautifully produced and acted by the likes of Christopher Plummer, Jim Broadbent, Tom Courtenay and Juliet Stevenson. — M. Pols. (PG: thematic material in- volving some violent action and a childbirth scene.) 2 hours, 12 min- utes. B-

"THE PIANIST": This restrained yet emotionally ruinous film set in War- saw during the Nazi occupation marks a triumphant return for director Roman Polanski. Thanks to his celebrity, Polish pianist Wladyslaw Szpilman (Adrien Brody) is spared from the concentration camps, spending the next two years relying

on the kindness of strangers, at times quite literally a prisoner, isolated and locked into abandoned apartments, visited only occasionally by Resistance members. His very endurance is heroic. Having given us spine-tingling nightmares of the imagination in the past ("Rosemary's Baby" "Repul- sion"), this movie Polanski lets reality give this movie its quiet, straightfor- ward power. Be prepared to cry, but know too that the movie is worth the anguish it generates. — M. Pols. (R: violence and brief strong language.) 2 hours, 28 minutes. A

"RABBIT PROOF FENCE": A com- pelling true tale that marks director Phillip Noyce's return to his Australian homeland after 15 years in Holly- wood. A beautiful, taut drama that ex- amines both the strengths and weak- nesses of humankind through the story of young Aboriginal girls taken from their homes to become ser- vants. — S. Rea. (PG) 1 hour, 35 min- utes. B+

"REAL WOMEN HAVE CURVES": The real woman here is Ana (new- comer America Ferrera), a recent (and pretty) high school grad quite proud of her ample proportions. Ana has been commuting from her home in East Los Angeles to the ritzy con- fines of Beverly Hills High School; she wants to go to college, but there's a formidable obstacle in her way: Ana's mom, Carmen (Lupe On- tiveros), believes that slenderness and marriage should be a woman's only goals. Carmen enlists Ana to work in the family-run garment fac- tory, where she will let her daughter en- ter the modern world or, heaven for- bid, be happy. This film is sweet and sassy, but not afraid of conflict. Its ethnic milieu is genuine, therefore specific, but many of the themes are universal. — C. Vognar. (PG-13: lan- guage, mild sexual content) 1 hour, 30 minutes. B

"TALK TO HER": Pedro Almodovar has created a tragic comedy about need; both its liberating and shak- ing powers. Benigno (Javier Camara) is a nurse who sits patiently at the side of his unconscious girlfriend, Alicia (Leonor Watling), waiting to her needs. Marco (Dario Grandinetti) min- isters to his own girlfriend, Lydia (Rosario Flores), who is also in a coma. It is revealed that Benigno is an obsessive with no real ties to Al- icia, she has become his after falling into unconsciousness, and the depth of his devotion becomes both a love story and a horror story. By the end, Almodovar flips the script and de- mands not just sympathy but also empathy for someone you wouldn't think deserved it. It's a movie about being trapped in various kinds of pris- ons: spiritual, physical and finally lit- eral. — E. Mitchell. (R) 1 hour, 52 minutes. B

"25TH HOUR": Tragedy inspires art as Spike Lee directs an absorb- ing, smart movie set in the land- scape of a post-Sept. 11 New York City. Edward Norton plays Monty, a nice Irish-Catholic boy from the wrong side of the tracks who started dealing drugs to get ahead way back in high school and never stopped. But the law has caught up with him, and Monty is headed to jail for seven years. In his last day, he tries to settle some scores and catch up with old friends, a sharp stockbroker (Barry Pepper) and sad-sack schoolteacher (Philip Sey-mour Hoffman, brilliant as usual). Norton sometimes sounds as if he's giving a monologue when he's ac- tually opposite other actors, but otherwise, the acting is top-notch through this drama. Lee's best movie in years. — M. Pols. (R: strong language, some violence.) 2 hours, 14 minutes. B+

"TWO WEEKS NOTICE": In this ro- mantic comedy, the adorable Sandra

Bullock meets the charming Hugh Grant. And they utterly cancel each other out. Bullock plays Lucy, an ide- alistic lawyer who is talked into be- coming legal counsel for Grant's George Wade, a millionaire devel- oper. She's good-hearted and civic- minded. He's a womanizer and, well, a developer. Lucy becomes George's conscience — and everything else. He can't make a move without her. And when it all becomes just too much for her — the interruptions to come help him pick out a tie, the late- night phone calls asking for advice — Lucy gives notice. When everybody's this sweet and nice, nobody rubs anybody else the wrong way. It takes friction to create sparks. — R. Moore. (PG-13: some sex-related humor.) 1 hour, 40 minutes. C

"THE WILD THORNBERRYS MOVIE": Based on the animated TV show, this is the story of Eliza Thorn- berry, an earnest, pig-tailed 12-year- old who can talk to animals. But it's one of those magical abilities she will lose if she shares it with anyone, in- cluding her parents, documentary filmmakers Nigel and Marianne Thornberry. When a poacher steals a cheetah cub, Eliza risks her life to save it. Alarmed by her obsession with animals, her family sends her to boarding school in London, where Eliza's misery is somewhat alleviated by her best friend (and sidekick), a chimpanzee named Darwin. Eliza re- alizes she must go back and save that cub, and heads out to Africa, with Darwin. This film doesn't offer much more than the series, but its emphasis on caring for animals and respecting other cultures is welcome. And it does succeed in sharing a look at a family that works, despite individual differences. — N. Churnin. (PG: some adventure peril.) 1 hour, 20 minutes. B-

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sky, Boulez, Wagner and Schoenberg. Hertz Hall, Bancroft Way and College Avenue. \$42.

Saturday: Guest artist: Leon Fleisher, pi- ano. A program of works by Debussy, Ravel and Stravinsky. \$30 to \$52.

Tenor Salvatore Licita with the San Francisco Opera Orchestra, David Agler conducting. Feb. 2, 7 p.m. A program of works by Verdi and Puc- cin. \$36 to \$82.

Richard Goode, piano. Feb. 9, 3 p.m. A program of works by Beethoven, Byrd, Chopin, Debussy and Mozart. \$30 to \$52.

Zellerbach Hall, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue. UC Berkeley. 510-642-9588 or www.culperforms.berkeley.edu.

MAGNIFICAT "Vespere della Beata Vergine." Feb. 1, 8 p.m. Psalms, motets and trio sonatas by Isabella Leonarda. \$25 general; \$12 student. First Congregational Church, Dana and Durant streets, Berkeley. 415-979-4500 or www.magnificatcf.org.

SUNDAY ANNUAL NOON CONCERT SE- RIES — Brahms Horn Quartet, Feb. 5, noon. Guest artists: Heather Haughn, violin; Jan Lieberman, horn; Re-becca Bogart, piano. A performance of Brahms' "Trio for violin, horn, and piano, op. 40." Free. Hertz Hall, UC Berkeley, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. 510-642-4864.

OAKLAND EAST BAY SYMPHONY —

"Some Enchanted Evening." Michael Morgan conducting. Feb. 8, 8 p.m. Guest artist: Frederica Von Stade. Emil Miland, cello; Joj Sherratt, vocal- ist; Christopher Pucci, tenor; Marisa Lenhardt, soprano. \$25 to \$90. Kof- man Auditorium, 2200 Central Ave., Alameda. 510-865-2256 or www.aaclo.com.

PACIFIC MOZART ENSEMBLE — "Lux Aeterna." Feb. 8, 7:30 p.m. A program of works by Morton Lauridsen, Gyorgy Ligeti, Nadia Boulanger, Edward Elgar and Edwin Fissinger. \$20 general; \$15 students and seniors. St. Mark's Episcopal Church, 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. 415-705-0848 or www.pacificmozart.org.

SACRED AND PROFANE — "Trotz." Feb. 8, 8 p.m. A program of works by Zoltan Kodaly, J.S. Bach, Vello Tormis and Carlos Guastavino. \$15 general; \$12 students and seniors. St. Am- brose Church, 1145 Gilman St., Berkeley. 510-524-3611.

SAN FRANCISCO CHAMBER OR- CHESTRA — "From Beijing to the Bay Area." Benjamin Simion conduct- ing. Feb. 8, 8 p.m. Guest artists: Alexan- dra Hawley, flute; Dan Levitan, harp; Wang Ci Heng, Chinese bamboo flute; Cui Jun Zhi, Chinese harp. A program of works by Yi, Qing, Beethoven and Mozart. \$24 to \$50 adults; \$12 students. Julia Morgan Theatre, 2640 College Ave., Berkeley. 415-495-8608 or www.sfcham- berorchestra.org.

ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH — Bruce Newick, organ. Feb. 9, 6 p.m. A program of works by Schiedemann, Bach and Near. Donation. 2300 Ban- croft Way, Berkeley. 510-845-0888.

DANCE
CAL PERFORMANCES — Merce Cun- ningham Dance Company, Feb. 7 and Feb. 8, 8 p.m. Features the American premiere of "Fluid Canvas," as well as "Suite for Five." \$24 to \$46. Zeller- bach Hall, UC Berkeley, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue. 510-642-9988 or www.calperforms.berkeley.edu.

EAGLES HALL ZYDECO CAJUN DANCES — Dance lesson, 8 p.m.; concert and dance, 9 p.m. \$11 to \$13. 2305 Alameda Ave., Alameda. 415-285-6286 or ddesomone.home.mind- spring.com/Eagles/content-eagles.html.

MUSIC SOURCES — "Victorian Dance Party." Feb. 2, 5 p.m. Dance to music from the first half of the 19th century with Carol Teten, founder of Dance Through Time. A reception follows. \$18 general; \$15 students and seniors. 1000 The Alameda at Marin, Berkeley. 510-528-1685.

STARRY PLOUGH PUB — "Dance Class & Ceil." Mondays, 7 p.m. tradi-

tional Irish music and dance. "The Stary Session," Sundays, 8 p.m. Irish traditional music and song led by Shay Black. Seating scale. For age 21 and over. Dance lesson at 7 p.m.; music at 9 p.m. 3101 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley. 510-841-2082.

OUTDOORS
OAKLAND ZOO — The zoo includes a Children's Petting Zoo, the Skyride, a miniature train, a carousel, picnic grounds and a gift shop as well as the animals in site-specific exhibits, which allow them to roam freely. Included are the "African Savanna" with its two huge mixed-animal aviaries and 11 African Savanna exhibits; the Mahali Pa Tembo (Place of the Elephant) with African lions, giraffes, chimpanzees and more than 330 other animals from around the world; "Simba Pori," a Swahili for "Lion Country," a spacious 1.5-acre habitat offering both a sa- vanna and woodland setting for African lions; "Footprints from the Past," an anthropology exhibit show- casing 4 million years of human evo- lution and an actual "footpath" of the first hominids to emerge from the African savanna; "Sun Bear Exhibit," a state-of-the-art space the zoo has de- veloped for its two sun bears; and Siamang Island, a state-of-the-art, bar- rier-free area that emulates the gib- bon's native tropical rain forest habi- tat. \$7.50 general; \$4.50 seniors and children age 2 to 14; free children un- der age 2; \$3 parking fee. Daily, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Knowland Park, 9777

Golf Links Road exit off Interstate Highway 580, Oakland. 510-632-9525 or www.oaklandzoo.org.

USS POTOMAC — Visit the 165-foot presidential yacht USS Potomac, called the "Floating White House" when it was refurbished at the begin- ning of World War II for use by Pres- ident Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The yacht has been restored to its World War II splendor and visitors may tour the ship or take scheduled cruises. Dockside Tours. Tours of the Potomac at the dock are about 45 minutes. Tours conducted when weather is bad; call ahead if the weather is rainy. Wednesday and Friday, 10 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.; Sunday, noon to 3:15 p.m. \$3 general; \$2 seniors; \$1 youths age 6 to 17; free children under age 6; \$5 family rate for two adults and children. USS Potomac: FDR Pier, Foot of Cal- street, northwest end of Jack London Square, Oakland. Potomac Visitor Center, 540 Water St., Oakland. 510-839-8256 or www.usspotomac.org.

REI BERKELEY — A series of lectures on hikes and outdoor equipment. "Climbing High Peaks in the Bolivian Andes," Feb. 6 at 7 p.m. Find out what it takes to organize and train for an expedition of this magnitude. Free. 1339 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. 510-527-4140.

REDWOOD REGIONAL PARK — \$4 for parking, 7861 Redwood Road, Oak- land. 510-636-1684 or www.ebparks.org.

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erwise male sage, is sharply played by Anne Collins. They get an appealing assist from Larry Harada as Lt. Sam Weinberg.

Other forceful performances by Lt. Col. Nathan Jessup (Michael O'Brien), a by-the-book commanding officer who is ulti- mately the "heavy" in this play; and Lt. Jack Ross (Jason "JTOP" Topolski) a tenacious prosecutor.

If at times, the military dia- logue, as delivered, lacks a real-life Marines bark and crackle, don't forget these are civilian volunteers. Good con- duct medals for all!

TELLING IT LIKE IS WAS: "How We First Met," a stage ver- sion of virtual love stories told live and up close — take that, TV

— opened a limited engagement last night at San Francisco's Ac- tors Theatre, 533 Sutter St.

The run marks the third an- nual go-round for this romantic comedy. If it's new to you, here's the way it works:

Couples from the audience are interviewed live on stage about their true-life love story. At the same time, a troupe of actors recreates their story with im- proved sketches and songs.

The show's host, Jill Bourque, believes the reality behind everyday relationships is compelling and funny. "We hit upon universal truths about love, relationships and dating," she says, "It's the shared recog- nition with the audience that makes it so funny."

"How We First Met" plays at 8 p.m. Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays through Feb. 22.

Valentine's Day, Feb. 14, natu- rally gets special attention, with two performances at 7 p.m. and 9:30 p.m.

Reserved seating is \$23.50 for regular performances, and \$34.50 for the Valentine's Day shows. Tickets are available at www.ticketweb.com or by call- ing 415-845-4314.

Send items of interest to Jack Tucker, 4301 Lakeside Drive, Richmond, CA, 94806; fax to 510-262-2776; e-mail to jtucker@ccetimes.com, or call 510-262-2768. Include a contact

A.L. Lloyd, Louis Killen and Eng- lishman Ewan MacColl for their inspiration.

Bay Area residents can also look forward to the Sea Music Festival at the Hyde Street pier on May 3, as well as a series of concerts in the fall.

But if you need a more regu- lar injection of ribaldry and rum, and a reminder of the days when it was easy to join up with — vol- untarily or otherwise — a vessel bound for Rio, Hilo or the dreared South Australia, then perhaps a more regular visit to Quinn's or the Balcutha is in order.

Brian Kluepfel is a freelance journalist who has lived in the 'burbs, the Bronx, Bolivia, and Berkeley. He can be reached at bkluepfel@hotmail.com.

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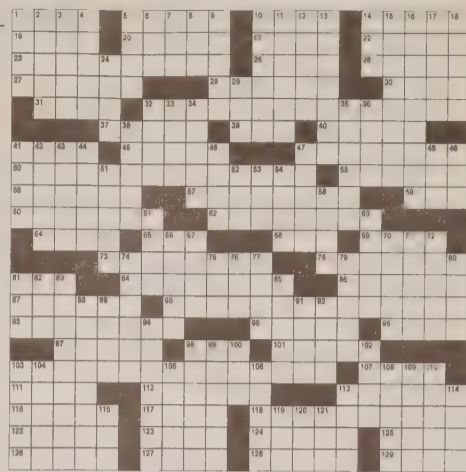
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2939 Ellis St., offers a variety of classes. Details: 883-5222.

Interview Clinics sponsored by Turning Point Center at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, are held on Monday mornings from 9-11 by appointment. 30-minute sessions are \$15 for YWCA members and \$20 for non-members. Call 848-6370 and leave a message to reserve an appointment time. Leave a name and telephone number.

A free CopWatch class takes place Monday nights from 6 to 7:30 p.m. at 2022 Blake St. near Shattuck. Know your rights. Details: 548-0425.

Berkeley Community Media, Channel 25, offers affordable classes in video production and editing to Berkeley residents. Free orientations designed to in-

troduce BCM to the public are held Thursdays, 6:30-7:30 p.m. at 2239 Martin Luther King, Jr. Way. Details: 848-2288 and ask for Patrick, John or Sage.

Ashkenaz, 1317 San Pablo Ave., offers many dances classes ranging from Afro-Cuban to Kalarjiali Dances of India, to West Coast Swing to Lindy Hop and East Coast Swing. Ashkenaz is a non-profit music and dance community center. Details: 525-5054.

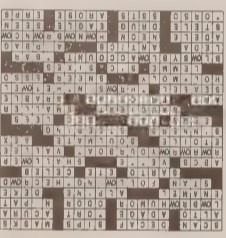
Life Stories/Collage and Ceramics classes forming at St. John's Senior Center, 2727 College Ave., Tuesday mornings 9 a.m. to noon. All are welcome. Free. Sponsored by Berkeley Adult School. Details: 845-6830

Contemporary Women's Issues class is forming at the North Berkeley Senior Center, 1901 Hearst St. Free class offered by the Berkeley Adult School, taught by Judith Carroll, MFCC. Friday mornings 10 a.m. to noon. Open

to all women 55 or older. Details: 644-6107.

Dance and Fitness Classes open to all in flamenco, Afro-Brazilian, belly dance, salsa, swing, ballroom, tap, theater dance, yoga, chi gung, tai chi, aikido, pilates-based body conditioning and more at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. Drop in fees: \$8-10. In-

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■ **Let's Swing and Jitterbug**; 7 p.m. beginning classes, 8 p.m. intermediate, four-week dance classes beginning the first Tuesday of the month; Finnish Brotherhood Hall, 1970 Chestnut, Berkeley; Diana Castillo, 549-3591; \$40 for four classes

Community

■ **The Apollo Theater Amateur Night** on Tour takes place at 8 p.m. Jan. 31, at UC Berkeley Zellerbach Hall. The audience will be treated to the entertainment of Talent and Capone, Apollo Amateur Night co-hosts and New York Kings of Comedy/Def Jam comedians; C.P. Lacey, and Monjae from TV's "The Parkers." Admission: \$20, \$30 and \$40. Call 510-642-9988 for more information or to charge by phone; or visit the Web site at www.calperfs.berkeley.edu; tickets may also be purchased at the door.

■ **Berkeley Neighborhood Computers**, a non-profit organization, provides high-value and high-demand computer technology training for disadvantaged and at-risk individuals. The organization seeks computers and networking equipment to be used for training purposes. All donations are tax deductible. Details: 845-1226 or e-mail bnc@netval.net.

■ **Berkeley Camera Club** meet Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share slides and prints, learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. Details: 525-3565.

■ **TOPS** (Take Pounds Off Sensibly) Chapter CA 1294 is now meeting from 7:15-8:30 p.m. every Thursday evening at Mira Vista UCC Church, 7075 Cutting Blvd. TOPS is a non-profit organization assisting men and women in weight control. Details: Betty Coates at 235-0490

■ **Turning Point** at the YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way, sponsors Resume Clinics on Tuesday afternoons, or by appointment. To sign up for an appointment leave a message several days before you would like to meet. Anne Levine has a background in Design and Education. For the past 10 years, she has assisted in producing numerous resumes as part of her desktop publishing business. Call 848-6370

■ **Berkeley's Office of Emergency Services** presents a new series of free Community Emergency Response Training classes. The classes give basic, practical information, including hands-on training in fire suppression, light search and rescue, and disaster first aid. All classes are held at the fire department's Emergency Operations Center, 997 Cedar St. The classes are open to everyone, 18 or older, who lives or works in Berkeley. Register: 644-8736.

■ **Berkeley Art Museum**, Pacific Film Archive offers a guided tour of Equal Partner: Men and Women Principals in Contemporary Architectural Practice presented by graduate students from the UC Berkeley Department of Architecture, College of Environmental Design, on alternating Thursdays at 12:15 p.m. and on Sundays at 2 p.m. Details: 642-0808

■ **Overeaters Anonymous** meet Fridays at 1:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church in Berkeley, 941 The Alameda between Solano and Marin avenues, in Room 2—the child-care room—parents may bring their children. This organization is for individuals who eat compulsively? Details: 525-5231.

■ **Toastmasters**, do it now. Stand up and say what you mean. Come practice—Tuesday, noon to 1 p.m. at 700 Heinz Ave. Call 883-6708 for details.

■ **Civil Rights activists** needed. Write the ACLU chapter of Berkeley, Albany, Richmond, and Kensington. P.O. Box 11141, Berkeley, CA, 94701.

■ **"Work Buddies"**; volunteers needed to work with people in early stage Alzheimer's Disease. Minimum six-month commitment, two to three hours per week. Training provided. Contact Nannette Lipton, 644-8292

■ **Psychic Healing** clinic; 7 to 9 p.m. Mondays; free clinic at the Academy for Psychic Studies in Berkeley, aura cleansing, stress relief, 600-642-9355.

■ **SMART project**; the Alcohol Research Group in Berkeley is conducting a study to compare the cost and effectiveness of two kinds of substance abuse day treatment: medical model day treatment and social model day treatment. By calling 1-888-249-8902 and agreeing to do three interviews, individuals chosen for the study receive free treatment at existing treatment programs.

■ **The Edible Schoolyard**, an organic gardening and cooking program at Berkeley's King Middle School, seeks volunteers to work with students, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Call 558-1335.

■ **English-In-Action** lets you make friends from around the world. Volunteer as a conversation partner with a foreign UC scholar/student for one hour a week. YWCA, at Berkeley, Call 843-9716

■ **Women's Daytime Drop-In** Center in Berkeley, serving women who are homeless or at risk of becoming homeless, needs volunteers. The Center is open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday through Saturday. Volunteers are needed for morning and afternoon shifts. For details call 466-5663.

Exhibits

■ **"Mostly Abstract: Watercolors** by Pamela Markmann," an exhibit of over 30 paintings, continues through February 28, at the Alta Bates Community Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave. Markmann has exhibited locally and nationally for 40 years. Her themes, related to nature, are revealed in watercolor, ink, pencil, and wax crayon paper. For more information, call 510-526-4613

■ **The Giorgi Gallery**, 2911 Claremont Ave., Berkeley, continues its solo show for East Bay artist Jeffrey Levitch through Feb. 16. The show entitled "Flight" consists of oil paintings and works on paper. Gallery hours: Tuesday through Sunday, 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. For more information, call 510-848-1228

■ **UC Berkeley's Graduate School of Journalism**, Center for Photography, presents an exhibit by Mexican photographer, Maya Goded, from Jan. 31 through May 1. Goded, recipient of the W. Eugene Smith Foundation Award, is a recent nominee to Magnum Photos. She photographs prostitutes and prostitution in order to "speak about women, inequality, transgression, the body and sex, maternity, childhood and old age, beliefs, love and unloving." A reception and public lecture takes place from 6 to 7 p.m. Jan. 31 in room 105. For more information, call 510-642-3383

■ **The Berkeley Art Center**, 1275 Walnut St., presents its annual "Members Showcase" through Feb. 15. The exhibition includes paintings in all media, sculpture, works on paper, photography, printmaking, drawing and mixed media. Gallery hours: Wednesday through Sunday, noon to 5 p.m. Admission is free. For more information, call 510-644-6893.

■ **Berkeley Public Library**, 2090 Kitredge St., continues the Afghanistan photograph display "Before There Were Guns, We Were Brothers," through Feb. 15. The display accompanies a free event "Views of Afghanistan," on Feb. 6, when the photographer joins authors Tamm Ansary and David Fleishacker in a community discussion. Library hours: Monday through Thursday 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. For details, call 510-981-6100.

■ **The Magnes Museum** presents three new exhibitions in its Berkeley location,

2911 Russell St., through Feb. 16. The exhibits include "Hidden in the Walls: The Time Capsule from San Francisco's Lost Sanctuary," "Stephanie Snyder; Hamakom (The Place)," and "Sharing the Screen: Israelis and Palestinians in the San Francisco Jewish Film Festival, 1981-2002." Admission: Suggested donation: \$4 adults, \$3 students and seniors. Museum members and children under 12 free. For more information, call 415-591-8800 or visit the Web site at www.magnesmuseum.org

■ **The Richmond Museum of History** continues exhibits highlighting Richmond's agricultural beginnings, industrial achievements, and home-front contributions during World War II. Special exhibits and events are held throughout the year. The museum is located in the historic 1910 Carnegie Library in the Old Downtown area at Fourth Street and Nevil Ave. Call 235-7387 for more information or to arrange tours.

■ **El Cerrito** presents Open Clay Studio ongoing classes on Mondays, 7-9 p.m. Experience with clay is helpful, but not necessary. Opportunities will be provided for students to explore areas of clay work. Demonstrations and instruction will be provided on requests. Admission: \$7-50 residents, \$9-38 nonresidents. The location: Tassajara Pottery Center, 2575 Tassajara Boulevard. For more details call Judie at 215-4371.

■ **Alta Bates Medical Center** presents work by members of the California Watercolor Association at its Community Art Gallery, 2450 Ashby Ave., Berkeley. The gallery is in the main corridor to the left of the information desk and main entrance. Call 204-4444 for information.

■ **New Pieces Gallery** on Solano Avenue shows quilts and soft cloth sculptures and dolls exclusively. The gallery is open during store business hours: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. and Sunday Noon to 5 p.m. except major holidays. Details: 527-6779

Health

■ **Charcot Marie Tooth** support group meets Saturdays bimonthly at West Berkeley Library, 1125 University Ave from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. CMT is a neuro-pathic disorder. Details: 524-3506.

■ **YWCA Health and Community Education**: drop in classes in dance, fitness, yoga, martial arts and more; University YWCA, 2600 Bancroft Way; 848-6370; \$8 - \$10.

Lecture/workshop

■ **"Keepers of the Flame: Jewish Women's Roles and Rituals,"** a facilitated study and discussion group led by Chana Andler takes place Feb. 2, Feb. 16, March 2, March 16 and April 6. Women from all backgrounds, serious about exploring women's roles, rituals and more in the Jewish tradition are invited. To keep the group small and intimate, there is limited space available. Required Text: Rachel Biale's "Women and Jewish Law: The Essential Texts," "Their History" and "Their Relevance for Today." Registration: \$40. For more information, call Chochmat HaLev at 510-704-9687

■ **The Berkeley Camera Club** meets every Tuesday evening, at 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda, Berkeley. Share your slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. For more information, call Don at 510-525-3565 or visit the Web site at www.berkeleycameraclub.org

■ **Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center** expanded its collection of

contemporary fiction, nonfiction and children's books. Meet the children's librarian, research your Jewish roots or check out best sellers. The library is open to the public. Hours: 11 and to 3 p.m. Monday through Thursday; 8:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. Tuesdays. Details: 848-0237.

■ **Tai Chi Chuan** and Chi-kung classes take place at Berkeley Unitarian Church at 7 p.m. on Wednesday evenings and 9 a.m. Saturday mornings at Berkeley Fellowship of Unitarian Universalists, 1924 Cedar St. People of all ages and physical conditions are welcome to practice. Donation: \$65. To sign up call 268-4995

■ **The YWCA** offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public as well as the different things that the center has to offer such as a great variety of workshops. They are held every Tuesday, at 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more details call 848-6370.

■ **Learn Computer Applications** for the "working" world Using Windows '95 and 98 and Microsoft Office 2000 software, Word, Excel, Access, PowerPoint, Publisher. Class offered: Monday-Friday, 2:15-6:15 p.m. Location: Contra Costa County Office of Education, 13925 San Pablo Ave., Suite No. 111, San Pablo. For information call 237-0840 or visit the web site at www.ccoec.k12.ca.us/top.

■ **"What is Meditation,"** is a peaceful and practical introduction to the basics of meditation. The free seminar takes place at Barnes and Noble Booksellers, 2352 Shattuck Ave. Nagito Dove is the facilitator. Call 644-0861 for additional information.

■ **Emotions Anonymous**: Twelve-Step meetings every Sunday at 8 p.m. Call 236-8226 for Berkeley location.

Literary Events

■ **Albany Library**, 1247 Marin Ave., continues its Open Mike and Featured Poet series 7 to 9 p.m. Jan. 9, featuring poet Uchechi Kalu. The series takes place on the first Thursday in the Edith Stone Room. Due to the holiday, this is the second Thursday. A Poetry Writing Workshop takes place second Wednesdays from 7 to 9 p.m. The next writing workshop is Jan. 8. Both events are free and open to all ages. Light refreshments will be served. For more information, call Julie Winkelman at 510-526-3720 ext. 19.

■ **The Reading Edge** is available for public use at the Berkeley Public Library, 2121 Allston Way. This computer scans printed text and reads it back aloud with a synthesized voice. It's available for anyone with a disability that requires its use to access print material. Users must complete a brief training session before using the Reading Edge; after that, reservations are needed. Call at 644-6648 to set up a training session.

Meetings

■ **UC Berkeley Natural History Museum**, present a day of public lectures Feb. 1. Check in at 8:30 a.m., second floor, Valley Life Sciences Building, UC Berkeley. Topic: "Understanding the Tree of Life." The Tree of Life Project is a collaborative effort among biologists to assemble a genealogical map for all 1.7 million described species. Pre-registration is required. \$20 for members, \$25 for nonmembers, free for students. For registration or more information, call 510-643-7008

■ **The Downtown Berkeley Toastmasters Club** offers speech classes for job

interviews, networking, sales and other work situations, in a six-week workshop from noon to 1 p.m. beginning Jan. 30. Cost: \$39. For more information, and location, call DeAnna at 510-595-1594 or 510-841-9277

Miscellany

■ **Grizzly Peak Flyfishers** holds its annual banquet and fund-raiser on Feb. 8, at the Kensington Community Center, 59 Arlington Ave. Time: 6 p.m. auction preview; 7:15 p.m. dinner; and 8 p.m. live auction and annual awards. Auction items include equipment, guided trips, and more. Beginners and wannabe flyfishers are welcome. The organization, non-profit, is dedicated to conservation and education through flyfishing. For more information, call 510-524-0428

■ **Friendship Circle**, a Jewish club for older adults, meet 1:30 to 1:30 p.m. Wednesdays, at the Oakland Senior Center, 200 Grand Ave. The club is an outreach program of Berkeley Richmond Jewish Community Center. Activities include day trips, Jewish holiday celebrations, theater outings, entertainment, speaker and much more. Call Maria at 848-0237 ext. 115 for details.

■ **Improve your speaking skills** by attending Berkeley Communicators Toastmaster meetings, the first and third Wednesdays each month at 7:15 a.m. at Vault's Cafe, 3250 Adeline St. Call 527-2337 for more information.

■ **The Berkeley Camera Club** meets Tuesday evenings 7:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda. Share your slides and prints and learn what other photographers are doing. Monthly field trips. For more details call Don at 525-3565

■ **Disabled American Veterans** Chapter 25 meets on the third Tuesday of the month. The evening begins with a no host dinner and fellowship at 7 p.m. at 2068 Center St. A short business meeting follows at 8 p.m. at 1931 Center St. The Veterans Memorial Building. Price: \$3. Women who have had relatives in the US Military are invited to attend and join the auxiliary. For more details call R. DeRitt, Cmdr. D.A.V. Chapter 25, 916-372-8364

■ **The YWCA** offers free orientations of its Turning Point Career Center. The orientations outline the resources available to the public and the great variety of workshops held every Tuesday, 1:30 p.m. The Turning Point Career Center is located at 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

■ **The Berkeley Avatar Metaphysics Toastmasters Club** meet on the first and third Thursdays, from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m., at 2515 Hillegass Ave. Public speaking skills and metaphysics come together. For details, call 869-2547 or 643-7645

■ **Berkeley Toastmasters Club** meet monthly, the first and third Thursdays at 2515 Hillegass Ave. The group specializes in developing its communication and public speaking skills in the field of metaphysics. The group also learn from each other through short speeches. Call Odette Larde at 869-2547 or 643-7645.

■ **The Kensington Senior Activity Center** meets on Thursdays from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave. The center's

community program of is presented by the West Adult School. Attend and you choose. Everyone come. Call 528-9146 or details

■ **The YWCA** offers free every Tuesday at 1:30 p.m. Turning Point Career Center. Way. The orientations outline the resources and the shops it offers to the public. Call 848-6370

■ **Speak Smart!** Join Berkeley Toastmasters. The Smartlings take place each Wednesday 7:30 p.m. at Peking Express, 2068 Center St. For additional call 549-9671

■ **Toastmasters Meeting** and say what you mean with us. Every Tuesday at 700 Heinz Ave. 6:00 to 7:00 for more information

■ **Joy of Yiddish**: Yiddish at 1 p.m. at the Northbrae Center, 1901 Hearst. Call for additional information

■ **The Berkeley Community Center** Toastmasters Club meet on Wednesday of each month 8:30 a.m. at the Berkeley Center, 2315 Durant. Details: 525-3565

■ **The Berkeley Art Museum** Education Group meets Tuesday of each month (ber) 1 to 2:30 p.m. at the Northbrae Community Church, 941 The Alameda. For additional info 4503

■ **Toastmasters on Campus** second and fourth Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7:30 p.m. English Language Program, 2515 Hillegass. Details: 515-461-5337

■ **Public speaking skills** physics come together at physical Toastmasters. Meetings first and third Thursdays 7:30 p.m., 2515 Hillegass. 869-2547 for details

■ **"Voices of Healing"** exploring the psychological dimensions of illness as a group meets on the second each month, 1 to 2:30 p.m. Berkeley. Call 528-1233 for information

■ **State Health Toastmasters** every second, third and fourth of the month from 12:15 to the State Health building. Way. Details: 649-7750

■ **Higher Alignment**: Mondays; fun, informative, spiritual partnership. Center, 830 Bancroft Way. 415-461-5337, \$20

■ **Alta Bates Support Group** meets the first day of every month, 1:45 to 3:00 p.m. Call for additional information

■ **Overeaters Anonymous** program providing free meals with eating problems every Saturday at 8:30 a.m. at St. John's 2227 College Ave. and every Thursday at 7 p.m. (pat. 901 Nevitt (take third floor). Details: 273-

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Section D

Classic Classics: Man finally gets his 1967 Chevy Caprice [D2]

CHERYL JENSEN
Down the Road

Japanese
vehicles earn
rating for
dependability

MOTOR MATTERS
When it comes to selling your model-year car and wondering where to set the price? Or when buying a new or used truck but wondering which manufacturer has the best reliability that you will have the fewest problems?
No matter what your situation, a survey of how well 1998-2000 year cars and trucks have held up for the last five years could be some helpful information. The survey, which has been running for the past 13 years, is the Vehicle Dependability Index by J.D. Power and Associates, a market research firm based in Warrendale, Pa.

Based on the responses of more than 30,000 original owners of five-year-old vehicles, in the 1998 model year, who were asked about problems with their vehicles.
The survey covers 137 problems and measures those problems at a three-stage, a time when many owners are considering selling their cars and buying new ones. The information can be helpful to consumers because people looking to spend more on a vehicle are looking for a reputation for reliability, according to J.D. Power research. In addition, more than one-half of vehicle buyers say that long-

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MOTOR MATTERS

VOLVO'S XC90 is North America Truck of the Year for five distinctive reasons, including roll stability control, an inflatable side curtain for all three rows of seats; an integrated, sliding center booster seat for children, seatbelts with pretensioners in all seating positions.

All-new 2003 Volvo XC90 stands above the crowd

MOTOR MATTERS

With the glut of SUVs on the market, it's obvious that not all will survive. One thing for sure, the Volvo 2003 XC90 SUV is here to stay.

Volvo's tag-line for this vehicle — "the next-generation SUV" — says it all. This SUV is not the run-of-the-mill type; the XC90 has what other manufacturers will probably try to imitate.

Already, the XC90 is a prize-winner. One year after being introduced at the North American International Auto Show, the Volvo XC90 has

been named North American Truck of the Year.

There are five distinctive reasons for this accolade: roll stability control, an inflatable side curtain for all three rows of seats; an integrated, sliding center booster seat for children, seatbelts with pretensioners in all seating positions; and a surround-sound stereo system featuring a 305-watt Alpine amplifier and 12 premium speakers.

The interior is big enough to allow two passengers in the rear seat to sit facing forward comfortably. Yet, if seating five passengers is all

TOM KEANE
Keane on Wheels

that is required, the third row seat easily folds flat below the cargo floor, increasing luggage capacity — with emphasis on the word easily.

Second row seats offer an adjustable fore and aft 40/20/40 bench seat to allow more room for third row passengers.

Another feature of the center row

seating is a child booster seat that can be moved forward so the child can get more attention from the front-seat passengers. This feature is part of an optional Versatility Package.

Another option that is helpful when traveling a distance is a roof-mounted DVD player with a 7-inch color monitor. This system uses wireless headphones to avoid disturbing other passengers.

The XC90 isn't a trimmed down crossover vehicle that takes on carlike characteristics with reduced interior space. This is a solid, upright

SUV, yet it has distinctive body styling.

The lines are smooth, attractive, stately, and upright — with terrific eye-appeal. The fact is, the XC90 is the largest vehicle Volvo makes.

However, in spite of its size, the ride is very car-like. It is easy to handle, has an exceptionally quiet interior and plenty of get-up and go.

Two engines are available: one is powerful the other more powerful. My tester had a 2.5-liter five-cylinder turbocharged engine that

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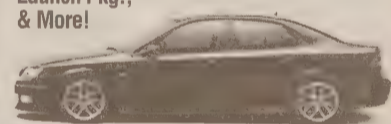
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Mother knows best when son longs for 1967 Chevy Caprice

MOTOR MATTERS

Gary Cameron's mother was right. If she had agreed to be a co-signer for her teenage son who was lusting after a big-block GM product, he very likely may have done himself harm in the overpowered car.

All that happened back in the 1960s in Michigan, and Cameron since then had matured — that is until October 2001.

That's when his Canadian cousin, David Gardella, called from Edmonton, Alberta, with news about the perfect car — an exceptionally nice 1967 Chevrolet Caprice two-door hardtop with a big-block 396-cubic-inch, 325-horsepower V8 under the hood.

Gardella had purchased the car already, knowing that his American cousin would want it. Once Cameron heard the description of the Chevrolet, the deal was done.

With a trifle more than 98,000 original miles, the car was trucked from Edmonton to Silver Spring, Md. where Cameron became the car's fourth owner. He finally had the big-block car he had always wanted.

The credit-card-like Protect-O-Plate that was issued with most new cars in that era was printed in two languages — English and French — because the car also was sold in Canada.

Cameron was pleased to find the original green-and-white 1967 Alberta license plate proclaiming the Canadian centennial.

Chevrolet offered an upscale Caprice option on the Impala sport sedan for the first time in 1965. The popular upscale option was given series status the following year.

By 1967 the Caprice was acknowledged as the most luxurious Chevrolet.

VERN PARKER Classic Classics

Cameron's car is loaded with accessories including: four-speed transmission, front bucket seats/console, 396 cid V8 engine, tachometer and clock, vacuum power brakes, tilt steering wheel, front chrome bumper guard, rear chrome bumper guard, and floor mats totaling \$706 in 1967 dollars.

Cameron believes his car was repainted in the original Maria Blue Metallic about a decade ago. Since then the finish has acquired a few minor chips, but is remarkably presentable.

He enjoys rowing through the Muncie four-speed floor-shift transmission while seated in the driver's strato-bucket seat.

Research indicates the car was built May 25, 1967, in Oshawa, Ontario, and five days later was shipped to the dealer in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan.

It carried a base price of \$3,078. Cameron believes only 11 Caprice models equipped like his were produced in Canada.

"This car definitely came from Saskatoon," Cameron says as he points to the electric plug connected to the engine-block heater. "It needed a new clutch when I got it," he adds.

He also found new-old stock arm rests to replace the cracked originals. Now he is searching for a replacement for the cracked dashboard. The original isn't in terrible condition; however, he wants it to be like new.



THIS 1967 CHEVROLET CAPRICE was one of only about a dozen made in Canada with all the luxury options. Owner bought it with a little more than 98,000 miles on odometer and still sporting its Canadian license plate.

The almost 2-ton Caprice measures 17 feet, 9 inches from front bumper guard to rear bumper guard. "It's a puller," Cameron says, referring to the tremendous 410 pound-feet of torque provided by the big-block engine.

The V8 engine is kept cool with 22 quarts of coolant.

When the five-passenger Caprice arrived to Cameron's home, a set of white-letter tires supported the car on a 119-inch wheelbase. The original 14-inch rally wheels had been replaced with the optional 15-

inch wheels.

Cameron went one step further and replaced the tires with 8.25x15-inch red-line tires that were offered as an option in 1967.

With the mighty engine redlining the 7,000 rpm tachometer at 5,000 rpm, the limit of the 120-mph speedometer easily is exceeded.

To give the thirsty car a decent cruising range, it is fitted with a 24-gallon fuel tank that had better be filled with the highest octane fuel available to keep the engine running happily.

On fair weather weekends takes his car out for some of the windows cranked down and the AM radio cranked up.

He knows that at any time he can kick the car into retirement. "My mom was right," he

If you have a vehicle of interest, write to Vern Parker, 4635 Bailey Drive, White Plains, N.Y. 10608-4109 detailing its merits.



MOTOR MATTERS

CHEVROLET'S NEW Silverado 1500HD crew cab comes with Quadrateer which allows it to maneuver like a Saturn coupe.

Chevy half-ton: Big on entertainment, agility

MOTOR MATTERS

Bet you never thought about a heavy-duty work truck featuring such sensory pleasures as brilliant movie images, limitless music and the feel of graceful handling.

The worlds of personal-use vehicles and practical, old-line truckin' collide big-time to create the 2003 Chevrolet Silverado 1500HD crew cab test-truck.

This rolling utopia features a DVD rear-seat entertainment system, XM Satellite Radio, Quadrateer four-wheel steer and a roomy cab accessed by four full-size doors.

The well-appointed tester does lack four-wheel drive and leather upholstery — elements that might keep it out of the top-tier of go-anywhere, mobile-living-room pickups. But, for extra cash, Chevy definitely can grant such wishes.

The LS test truck is pricey enough, commanding a \$29,677 base price and, with aforementioned techie trappings, a \$40,053 drive-out total.

Of course, a real trucker demands beef with these garnishes, and the 1500HD delivers. While the crew cab wears "1500" badging, it isn't a garden-variety half-ton model.

The "HD" heavy-duty designation puts it in limbo between regular 1500- and light-duty 2500-series pickups. Built on a substantial three-quarter-ton chassis, this beefy 1500 series pickup merits a "heavy half" title.

It's an answer to Ford's successful F-150 SuperCrew, but, instead of a sawed-off bed, it has a regular-length 6 1/2-foot-long cargo box that's only available in Fleetside form. Along with a more sub-

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stantial frame and the Quadrateer offering, the 1500HD's 2500 breeding gives it the power of a 6000 Vortec V8 engine.

This 6.0-liter brute produces 300 horsepower at 4,400 rpm and, for a trailer-towing kick, 360 foot-pounds of torque at 4,000 rpm.

Transmission choices are a five-speed manual or four-speed automatic transmission.

Partnered with a four-speed autobox featuring Tow/Haul mode, the engine generates grunt to tug a trailer up to 10,200 pounds. This force compares to a 1500 extended-cab's 8,600-pound maximum towing.

Engaging Tow/Haul mode eliminates excessive gear-hunting on hilly terrain. The 1500HD also excels at toting heavy payloads, boasting a 3,094-pound capacity.

Despite its brutish character, the 1500HD is more civilized than its three-quarter-ton sibling. Chevy reports "extensive" suspension tuning to achieve a softer ride.

Muscle is ample to launch this imposing pickup, which rolls on a 153-inch wheelbase and stretches 237.2 inches in length. Without Quadrateer, this mass of sheet metal would require strategic parking — away from tight, vehicle-crowded parking lots.

With Quadrateer, a driver looks for challenging parking situations and hopes an audience is watching as the truck accom-

plishes Harry Houdini feats. Basically, four-wheel steer allows the driver to execute a one-sweep, 90-degree turn into a parking slot.

Quadrateer reduces the turning diameter by 21 percent, from 49.6 feet to 37.4 feet. GM engineers compare the turning capabilities of a Quadrateer-equipped pickup with that of a Saturn Coupe.

Observers might point out that the rear wheels are "broken." They do look a bit comforted because, in low-speed maneuvers, rear wheels turn counter to front wheels.

When moderate speeds are reached, rear wheels basically are straight. During high-speed cornering, stability and handling are increased with rear wheels turning in the same direction as front wheels.

A press of a button can activate Quadrateer's towing mode, which modifies wheel action to accommodate trailer-hauling situations. In this mode both high- and low-speed maneuvering are significantly improved.

To demonstrate the system's trailer-tugging prowess, GM engineers set up a snaky, pylon-lined course. A run with Quadrateer off is awkward compared to the fluid maneuvering of activated four-wheel steer.

Quadrateer benefits come as part of a \$5,750 package that also includes manual-select ride control, limited-slip differential, traction assist, heavy-duty trailering equipment and roof marker lamps.

Quadrateer alone costs \$4,200, and a GM incentive trims that amount by \$2,000.

Making turn signal flasher more noticeable

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Q I am 72 years old and own an eight-cylinder 1993 Chevy Caprice Classic. I bought this car new and from day one the turn signal flasher does not make enough sound to be heard by me or by my husband inside the car while driving.

My husband and I have no hearing problem. I have tried many dealers and parts shops and tried 552 Tridon and other so-called loud noise flashers but they're useless.

Not hearing the flasher is a safety hazard. What can I do to make the flasher sound louder?

Sara P., San Bernardino, Calif.

A Sara, your turn signal flasher plugs into the convenience center, a black plastic brick located under the driver's side of the instrument panel.

I believe you're having difficulty hearing the flasher because of its rather deep-in-the-dash location and the insulating effect of the under-dash hush panel. The loud flashers were a good try.

There are a couple of other things that can be done to make the flasher more noticeable.

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First, I'd relocate the flasher to the back-side of the trim plate under the steering column. This is fairly easy to do, using two pieces of wire, two male, and two female quick disconnect terminals (Radio Shack 64-3038, 64-3039).

Mounting the flasher rigidly to the trim plate with a metal broomstick holder/clip should amplify the clicking sound considerably.

If the flasher is still difficult to notice, installing a small tone generator (buzzer or chime: Radio Shack 273-055 or 273-071) is another option.

Connect the device's positive wire to a key-on power source and sneak the negative wire into one of the flasher's two connections (try one, then the other — as necessary — until the device alternates with the turn signals).

The sound level can be easily adjusted by wrapping one or more layers of foam rubber around the device.

Q My husband and I have had an ongoing dispute for years over our automobile.

When I start my car, and my husband has driven it last, everything turns on when I turn the key over. The radio blasts, the heater and fan take off in the winter, the air conditioning and fan start up in the summer.

He NEVER turns anything off when he turns the ignition off. I keep telling him that it is bad for the car to start up with everything turned on. Am I a crazy psychotic female, as he tells me, or is there some truth to what I say?

Kate, Berwick, Pa.

A It is a good idea to minimize accessory electrical load while cranking the engine. This lessens the burden on the battery, allows the starter to work more efficiently and provides more available voltage for the ignition system.

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are domestic: Buick,
Lincoln and Mercury
three are European:
Jaguar and BMW.
The significant improve-
ments made by the
automakers, but they will
keep at it to catch the
the Japanese, said Brian
director of product re-
J.D. Power.
Power figures its rank-
the number of problems

per 100 vehicles. The lower the
scores, the better the reliability.
Lexus had the fewest number
of problems reported, with 159
problems per 100 vehicles.
This means that owners had
an average of 1.59 problems
per vehicle. The industry aver-
age was 355 problems per 100
vehicles, which translates to
3.55 problems per vehicle.
The top 10 problems re-
ported by owners in descend-
ing order: brakes are noisy,
wind noise, uneven wearing
tires, brakes vibrate/shudder, ve-
hicle pulls, instrument
panel/dash, air conditioner not
cold enough, seatbelt doesn't
retract, windows fog up a lot,
and molding loose/fell off.
Here is how the most reliable
automakers ranked in order,
along with the number of prob-
lems per 100 vehicles: Lexus
(159), Infiniti (194), Acura (228),
Honda (251), Toyota (276),
Porsche (278), Buick (279),
Cadillac (280), Jaguar (280),
BMW (281), Lincoln (282), Mer-

visibility is good and when back-
ing up, I had the assistance of
a "beep-beep" to let me know
when there was something be-
hind me.

In trying to find something
negative, I thought of having to
"climb up" to get into the ve-
hicle, but that would be a stretch.
Typical of all Volvo products,
safety is first and foremost.
There are so many safety fea-
tures throughout this vehicle that
I could devote this entire column
to that subject alone.
Another area that enabled
the XC90 to win Truck of the
Year is in the interior thought-
fulness. This definitely is one of
the more pleasant vehicles I
have driven, which is why I be-
lieve it will be here for the next
generation to enjoy.

Volvo XC90 AWD

Model Type	Seven-passenger, four-door SUV
Suggested Retail	\$33,350
As Tested	\$39,480
Engine	2.5-liter five cylinder in-line turbo
Transmission	210 at 5,000 rpm
Drive	238 at 1,500 to 4,500 rpm
Acceleration	Five-speed automatic with Geartronic
Brakes	112 inches
Weight	4,450 pounds
Capacity	19 gallons
Range	City/highway 18/24
Options	Power and comfort
Comments	Nothing worth mentioning

cury (287), Subaru (314), Nis-
san (321) and Mazda (337).
Although J.D. Power does
not release scores for com-
panies below the average, Auto-
motive News — the industry's
weekly newspaper — published
the entire survey list, citing
sources.
According to Automotive
News these are the automakers
that fell below the industry av-
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vehicles: Mercedes-Benz (364),
Ford (364), Saturn (365), Saab
(373), Oldsmobile (376), Pon-
tiac (389), Audi (392), Chrysler
(393), Chevrolet (393), Volvo
(402), Suzuki (405), Dodge
(410), GMC (415), Plymouth
(422), Jeep (449), Hyundai (449)

Mitsubishi (461), Volkswagen
(489), Isuzu (500), Land Rover
(585) and Kia (709).
J.D. Power also ranks indi-
vidual models. Below is a chart
which shows the top three most
dependable models in each ve-
hicle segment.
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Top Three 1998 Model-Year
Vehicles:
Compact car: Honda Civic,
Mercury Tracer and Toyota
Corolla
Entry mid-size car: Chrysler
Cirrus, Nissan Altima and Ply-
mouth Breeze
Premium mid-size car:
Oldsmobile Regency, Honda
Accord and Toyota Avalon

Full-size car: Mercury
Grand Marquis, Ford Crown
Victoria and Buick LeSabre
Entry Luxury Car: Lexus ES
300, Infiniti I30 and Acura TL
Mid-luxury car: Lexus GS
300/GS 400, Acura RL, Lincoln
Continental
Premium luxury car: Lexus
LS 400, Infiniti Q45 and Lexus
SC 300/SC 400
Sporty car: Honda Prelude,
Acura Integra and Ford Mus-
tang
Premium sports car: BMW
Z3, Porsche Boxster and Mer-
cedes-Benz SLK
Compact pickup: Toyota
Tacoma, Nissan Frontier and
Mazda B-Series
Full-size pickup: Toyota

T100 Pickup, Ford F-150/F-250
LD (light duty) and Chevrolet
Silverado LD (light duty)
Entry SUV: Honda CR-V,
Toyota RAV4 and Subaru
Forester
Mid-size SUV: Toyota 4Run-
ner, Nissan Pathfinder and Isuzu
Trooper
Full-size SUV: Ford Expedi-
tion, Chevrolet Tahoe and GMC
Yukon
Luxury SUV: Infiniti QX4,
Lexus LX 470 and Toyota Land
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Wrangler Rubicon — off-road trail boss

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There are lots of SUVs pitched as dual-use, on-road/off-road vehicles — Jeep's newest edition isn't one of them.

Named after a California trail legendary for its ornery disposition, the Wrangler Rubicon is Jeep's most hard-core off-road machine.

Jeep designed its Rubicon by taking the things that a serious off-roader might retrofit onto their own vehicle and adding those features in-factory.

The process yields a package with extreme versatility, right off the showroom floor. One stop, hard-rock shopping.

The Rubicon's purpose-built nature is evident in the list of standard equipment. Frame mounted skid plates protect transfer case and fuel tank from rocks or stumps.

Diamond plate sill guards wrap around the rocker panels for body shielding and structural support.

Mounted on all four corners are chunky, 31-inch tall Goodyear Wrangler MT/R tires, backed by standard, four-wheel disc brakes.

The Rubicon is powered by Jeep's 4.0-liter, inline six-cylinder, coupled with a five-speed manual transmission (four-speed automatic optional).

It's rated at 190 horsepower with 235 pound-feet of torque and has a healthy appetite for fuel. (EPA estimates its gas mileage at 16/city, 19/highway).

The "Rock-Trac" transfer case is crawl-capable, with a low gear ratio of 4:1. The front and rear axles are beefy Dana 44s, with a set of stump-pulling 4.11:1 gears.

A dash-mounted switch locks the rear axle and toggles on/off for the front. The 4x2/4x4 lever is just left and forward of the gearshift.

In practice, this gives the driver all of the tools needed to maximize grip where there is minimal traction. Angles of approach/ break over/ departure measure 41.8/22.3/31.3 degrees respectively, and the running ground clearance is 8.8 inches.

The Rubicon's compact dimensions (it measures just 155.4 inches long), means it can squeeze through surprisingly tight spaces.

The combination of good, low-end torque; beefy tread; and heavy duty, traction assisting hardware make Rubicon close to unstoppable in off-road conditions.

It rolls over moderate terrain with ease and will steadily chug through the toughest of trails.

Of course, anything this good off-road is bound to be a compromise on surface roads.

The massive Goodyear tires chew through mud and snow like nobody's business, but they are noisy on pavement, and the

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added height of these tires does nothing to improve the cornering capability of the already high-profile, short-wheelbase 4x4 frame.

The Wrangler Rubicon's tall tires and ground clearance leave the vehicle's cabin higher to step into, so some drivers may want to purchase the optional side steps.

All Wranglers have 2+2 seating. The "plus" depends on how large and how limber the prospective rear seat occupants are and how long they plan on staying there.

With both seats set to carry people, there is precious little room to haul anything else. Storage space measures a meager 8.9 cubic feet.

In a more typical setup, the rear bench will either be flipped forward (expanding cargo capacity to 41.5 cubic feet) or removed entirely (53.8 cubic feet).

My fully loaded (\$28,030) test vehicle was fitted with the optional (\$920) hard top.

Hard hats for Wranglers have roll-up windows and add a bit of weatherproofing — a plus during the single digit cold snap that accompanied the Jeep to my driveway.

The HVAC was able to keep the view clear during a snowy sloppy patch of weather, which would be tougher in the standard soft top model.

On the other hand, although it's cumbersome to work with, the convertible top is a plus in sunny climates.

I asked Mike Gabriel, manager of Jeep Vehicle Development, where the inspiration came from for the Rubicon. "Primarily, it was from customer's very vocal desire to have a factory off-road rig with serious hardware."

Rubicon wasn't developed with any specific performance objectives in mind.

"We knew what the vehicle could be capable of," said Gabriel, "so we said, 'let's make it as capable as we can without changing the vehicle's architecture.'"

"The objective was to make it easier to drive on trails we've struggled on before and go on trails we couldn't before."

In a world of SUVs that mostly never stray off the pavement, the Wrangler Rubicon is an exception.

The manufacturer estimates that more than half of all small Jeeps spend at least some of their time in the dirt and Rubicon buyers likely will boost that percentage.

In my opinion, this one's hard core.



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New Lincoln LS: European feel in American sedan

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THE ORLANDO SENTINEL

Well, this is a nice surprise: A comparatively mild makeover for the 2003 Lincoln LS has turned it into what is probably the best American-brand sedan.

A very good car when it debuted several years ago, the Lincoln LS — at least the Premium Sport model tested here — is now simply excellent.

The LS shares a platform with the Jaguar S-Type, the Ford Thunderbird and, to a lesser extent, the upcoming 2005 Ford Mustang, which will be loosely based on the chassis.

Engineered during a period when most domestic cars in this size and price range were single-mindedly front-wheel-drive, the LS helped remind consumers how nice a well-balanced rear-wheel-drive car can be.

The performance of the LS and the general interior quality was tough to fault, but its anonymous styling has held it back.

For 2003, it gets a too-minor facelift that helps, but not enough. Under the body is where the important changes were made.

Beneath the hood, the 3.9-liter V8 gets a 28-horsepower bump to 280. The 3.0-liter V6 on the less expensive LS models also gets a power increase, from 220 to 232.

Both engines use a five-speed automatic transmission. The manual transmission, previously available on the V6, has been discontinued because of a lack of interest.

With 280 horsepower, the smooth, gutsy V8 engine accelerates with authority, even if, at times, the transmission is a bit

slow-shifting. Our actual overall fuel mileage was 22.3 miles per gallon, right between the EPA-rated 18 mpg city, 24 mpg highway. Lincoln recommends 91 octane fuel, midrange between regular and premium.

The biggest improvement for 2003, though, is in handling and road feel. Our Premium Sport model, which has big 17-inch tires and wheels and a slightly stiffer suspension than the regular LS, felt positively European.

It's as though Lincoln engineers copied the steering feel, handling and ride of a BMW.

Frankly, many U.S. manufacturers copy the BMW suspension and steering, but this is as close as any domestic manufacturer has come to getting it right.

Inside, the leather-upholstered front bucket seats, which are heated and cooled, aren't up to BMW standards, but they aren't bad. Instruments and controls are fine. Trunk space, at 13.5 cubic feet, is more than adequate.

With almost every option available, including a navigation system, a superb THX-certified stereo and rear-parking assist, plus standard-for-the-model features such as stability control, Xenon headlights and a power moon roof, the Premium Sedan base price of \$43,360 swelled to a European-like \$47,285.

The base LS with the V6 still has a very impressive list of standard equipment for \$34,495, and that qualifies it as an excellent buy.

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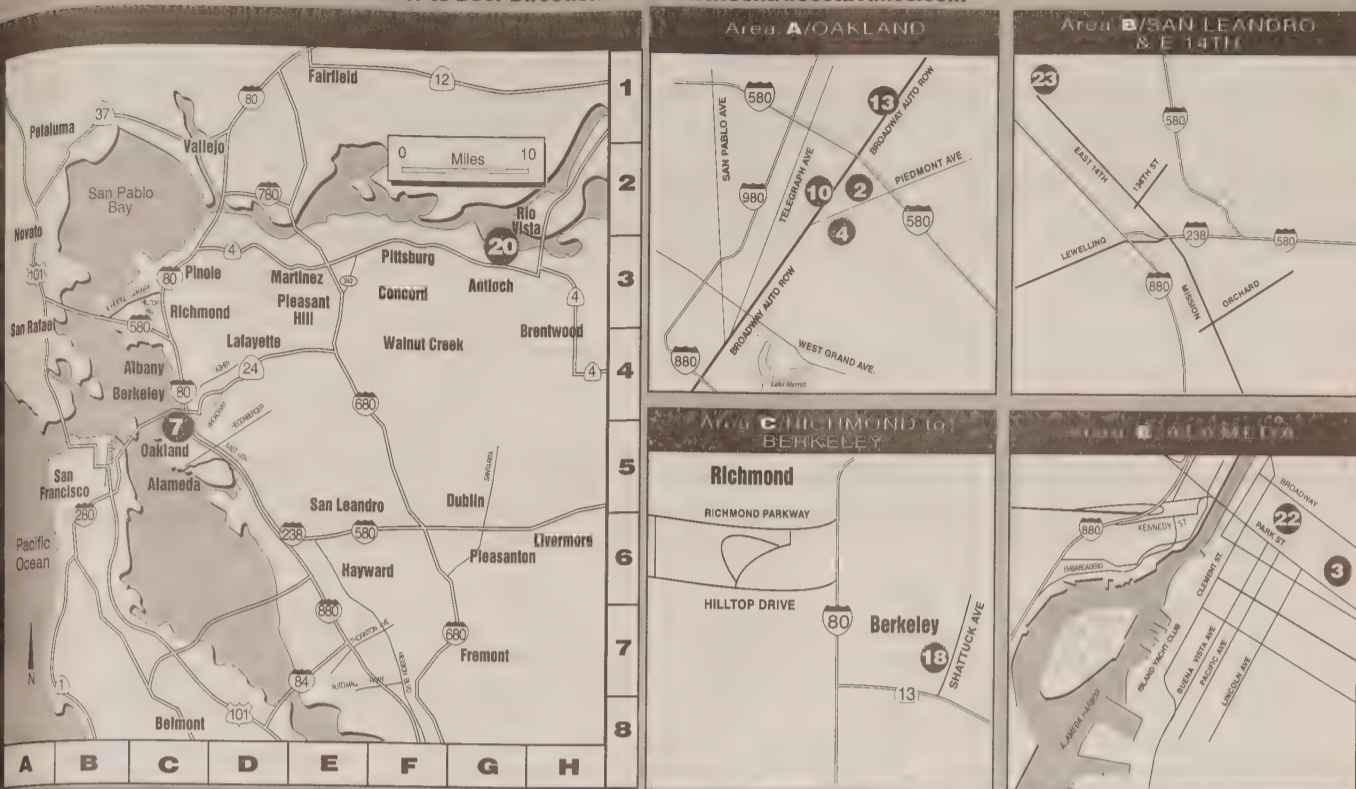
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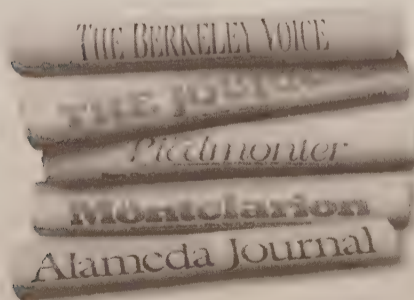
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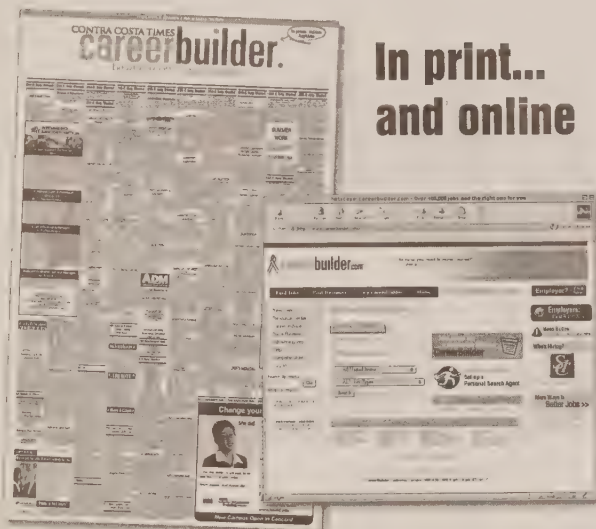
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Dinner tonight: Kickin' Chicken Soup

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A hearty bowl of homemade chicken soup doesn't have to take hours to get to the table. A few convenience products come in handy, as do quick-to-cook chicken breasts, which are broiled before being added to the pot.

This Southwestern-influenced soup includes jalapenos and ground red pepper for heat, and cilantro for zest; if you prefer a mild rendition, omit the jalapenos and red pepper.

Menu

Kickin' chicken soup with shredded cheese and tortilla chips and beer or iced tea

Time-saving tips

- 1) Take advantage of frozen products: Use frozen chopped onions and substitute the beans and corn for a Southwestern frozen-veggie mix available in most supermarkets.
- 2) Use ready-cooked rotisserie chicken.
- 3) To extend this soup for more

servings, cook 1 cup of pasta shells or rice and add to the finished soup.

4) This soup can be frozen for future meals; omit the cilantro and add it just before serving.

KICKIN' CHICKEN SOUP

2 large, boneless chicken breasts

3 tablespoons canola oil

1 large onion, chopped

3 cloves garlic, minced

1 jalapeno chili, minced, see note

1 carton (32 ounces) low-sodium chicken broth

3 cups fresh or frozen corn kernels

1 can (15.5 ounces) black beans

Juice of 1 lime

1 teaspoon salt or to taste

½ teaspoon ground red pepper or hot sauce

Freshly ground black pepper

½ cup minced cilantro

Shredded Monterey jack cheese, tortilla chips, optional

1. Heat broiler. Cook chicken, turning once, about 10 minutes.

Meanwhile, heat oil in stockpot over medium heat. Add onion, garlic and chili; cook until soft, about 3 minutes. Add broth, corn, beans, lime juice, salt and red and black pepper. Heat to boil; reduce heat to simmer.

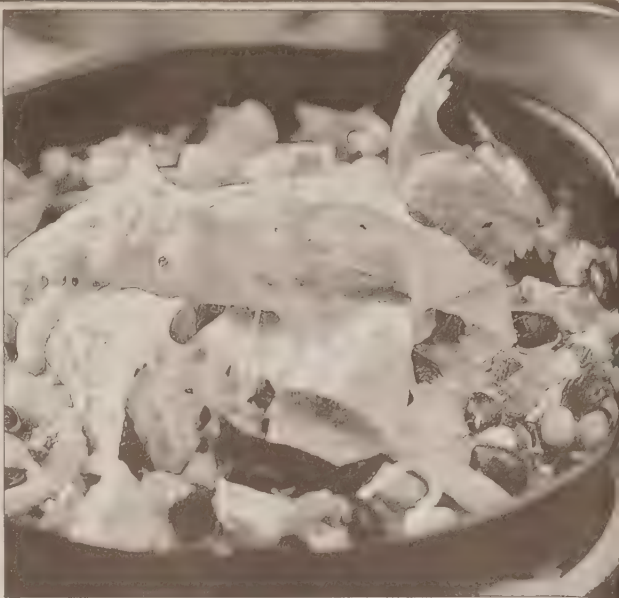
2. Slice or shred cooked chicken; add to pot. Add cilantro. Heat through, about 1 minute. Ladle into soup bowls; top each with shredded cheese and crumbled tortilla chips, if desired.

Note: Include the chili seeds for more heat.

Preparation time: 25 minutes, cooking time: 15 minutes, makes 8 servings.

THIS SOUTHWESTERN-INFLUENCED SOUP (right)

adds jalapenos and ground red pepper for heat, cilantro for zest and shredded chicken breast and black beans for heft to the spicy broth in this entree-worthy soup.



Lasagna

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noodles until soft but firm, al dente. Remove noodles and drain individually on a clean dish towel. Spread out the noodles to keep them flat. Pat dry.

Preheat the oven to 325 F. Grease a 9-by-13-inch glass baking dish.

Spread 1 to 2 cups sauce over the bottom of the dish. Arrange 4 lasagna noodles over the sauce. Spread 1/3 of the ricotta over the pasta, followed by ¼ of the mozzarella and ¼ of the Parmesan. Add another layer of the sauce over the cheeses.

Repeat the layers of pasta and cheeses two times. For the final layer, scatter mozzarella, Parmesan and the remaining sauce over the pasta (you will have used all the ricotta). For best flavor, cover with plastic wrap and refrigerate for 24 hours.

When ready to bake, remove from refrigerator 1 hour before baking. Remove the plastic wrap before baking. Bake in the 325 degree oven until bubbly and hot, 25 to 30 minutes. Let stand for 10 minutes before serving.

Makes 8 servings.

MEAT SAUCE

½ cup plus 2 tablespoons olive oil

3 large yellow onions, chopped

2 large carrots, peeled and chopped

2 celery stalks, chopped

6 garlic cloves, chopped

3 teaspoons salt

3 teaspoons black pepper

2 pounds ground beef chuck

3 bay leaves

2 teaspoons dried oregano

1 cup water

2 teaspoons sugar

Three 14½-ounce cans whole or chopped tomatoes, with juices

Three 14½-ounce cans Italian recipe stewed tomatoes (includes Italian seasoning)

6-ounce can tomato paste

In a large stockpot, heat ½ cup olive oil over medium heat. When it is hot, add the onions, carrots and celery. Cook the vegetables, stirring occasionally, until lightly browned, about 10 minutes. Push the vegetables to the side a bit, add the garlic, season the vegetables with salt and pepper, and cook for another 2 minutes.

While the vegetables are cooking, heat the remaining 2 tablespoons of the olive oil in a large saute pan over high heat. When it is very hot, add half of the meat and cook, breaking up the clumps, until browned, about 8 minutes. Drain off the fat. Transfer the meat to the pot with the cooked vegetables. Repeat with the other half of the meat.

Add the bay leaves, oregano, 1 cup water, sugar, tomatoes and their liquid, and tomato paste to the meat and vegetables. Mix well and bring to a boil. Reduce the heat to low or medium-low and cook for 45 minutes. Adjust seasonings if necessary. Use meat sauce in making lasagna.

Makes enough for 10 to 12 servings.

Note: Freeze extra meat sauce to use in making other pasta dishes.

SPEEDY MICROWAVE LASAGNA

1½ pounds ground chuck

28-ounce jar spaghetti sauce

¾ cup red wine or water (or a blend of both)

2 cups low-fat cottage cheese

2 large eggs

1 teaspoon dried whole thyme

8 whole-wheat lasagna noodles, uncooked, but soaked in ½ cup warm water to soften

2 cups shredded mozzarella cheese

½ cup grated Parmesan cheese

Crumble beef in a large bowl.

Microwave on High for 4 minutes; stir and microwave 2 more minutes or until meat is no longer pink, stirring once; drain. Stir in spaghetti sauce and wine.

Stir together cottage cheese, eggs and thyme.

Spread 1 cup meat sauce in a lightly greased 13-by-9-inch baking dish. Layer ingredients in dish in this order: 4 noodles, half of meat sauce, half of cottage-cheese mixture, half of mozzarella cheese, 4 noodles, remaining meat sauce, cottage cheese and mozzarella cheese. Cover with heavy-duty plastic wrap. Unfold one corner of wrap to allow steam to escape.

Microwave on High 8 minutes. Microwave at Medium (50 percent power) 30 minutes or until noodles are tender when tested with a fork, turning dish twice during cooking.

Sprinkle with additional Parmesan cheese; let stand 10 minutes before serving.

Makes 6 to 8 servings.

Note: This dish can be assembled ahead and refrigerated. Take out of refrigerator 1 hour before cooking. Also, if you don't want to do the final cooking in the microwave, remove plastic wrap and cover with aluminum foil. Bake at 325 F for 20 minutes, remove foil and bake until bubbly, about 10 more minutes.

Recipe from "Discover Dinner-time" by Susan Dosier and Julia Dowling Rutland, Wimmer Cookbooks.

Tips for cooking lasagna:

Buy ground chuck or lean ground beef. After browning, drain off the fat before adding the seasonings or mixing with the vegetable ingredients.

If using no-boil lasagna noodles or even regular noodles, presoak them in about ½ cup warm water to soften. This makes the noodles

easier to position in the baking pan.

If boiling lasagna noodles before layering with meat sauce and cheeses, drain the noodles on a clean dish towel. This quickly cools the noodles and keeps them from sticking together.

Balance the layering of the meat sauce and noodles to ensure that there is enough moisture in the meat sauce to steam the noodles as the lasagna bakes

Bake covered or

325 F. Watch for over-drying out along the edges of the baking dish. If this occurs, spray with cooking oil to prevent its sticking to the top of the casserole as it bakes.

Let finished lasagna stand 15 minutes before cutting to serve

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Culinary curiosities you may have missed in 2002

BY MICHAEL PRECKER
DALLAS MORNING NEWS

Never a bad year for food. So much to eat, so little time to cook. The most disconcerting moments in the Wonderful World of Food can't leave a sour taste in your mouth.

Let's look back. That doesn't stop some people from trying, however, with a pro-trying of goofy ideas and wacky experiments. In the Wonderful World of Food, make us grate-ful for your year-end roundup ar-So here's some unusual food you may have missed. Bon-bon.

Junk food, gain weight; know? A New York City lawyer filed a class-action lawsuit against McDonald's, blaming the burger-ers for rising obesity in chil-

dragers Jazlyn Bradley (5 feet 10 inches, 270 pounds), Ashley Pel-ler (5 feet 10 inches, 170 pounds) and Tawlik (5 feet 9 inches, 170 pounds) claim they got to be fat by following Ronald Mc-Donald's advice, never dreaming of eating meals might make them fatter.

Donald's calls the lawsuit friv-ous. But some experts predict it will be at the front of a legal as-son in the fast-food industry that will make our kids eat less.

Want a double-ring cer-emony? Krispy Kreme now offers a wedding cake made of tiered stacks of doughnuts. Krispy

Kreme's executive chef, which ap-ears to be a real title, said cus-tomers came up with the idea. Ron Kupinski recommends a light-weight ornament atop the dough-nut cake for any variety. But Krispy Kreme's jelly out of wed-ding dress.

Will this fight the obesity epidemic? LG Electronics intro-duced the Multimedia Refrigerator, a two-door beauty with a built-in TV and Internet surfing. You can program video messages, like "Close the door! You're let-ting air in!"

'Get me out of this mi-crowave!' Adam Snyder and his dad, Merwin, of Ventnor, N.J., claim to have invented a popcorn bag with a humanlike voice that talks to you. The Web site, www.talking-popcorn.com, offers a "free" bag for \$3.95 shipping and handling. Perhaps the popcorn could explain to them what "free" means.

Hi, I'm Kit-Ying, and I'll be your table today. A Japanese restaurant in Manchester, England, began offering dinner served on the bodies of unclothed women. Samantha Gore-Lyons of the Samsi restaurant told The (London) Sun that the idea is sweeping Tokyo: "We are swap-ping the angular tabletop for the sensuous curves of the female body."

Diners must use chopsticks and touch nothing but the food. Dishes include lobster, ginger yakitori chicken, smoked salmon sushi and garlic udon noodles. "I'm glad they're only serving cold food on me," Kit-Ying Ross told the news-paper.

Let's hope Kit-Ying never works here. Another English restaurant, Edible in London, began serving chocolate scorpions, alligator stew and rattlesnake chili, all washed down with scorpion vodka.

Get a man wrote this recipe. A cheery book titled "Stop Getting Dumped!" includes a recipe for the Man-Magnet Cake. It's packed with vanilla and cinnamon, the scents of which are supposed to render men powerless. "All I know is the Man-Magnet Cake works like cat-nip for men," said author Lisa Daily.

As Homer Simpson might say, 'woo hoo!' For a class project, two Purdue University students de-veloped freeze-dried beer to use as a spice. "It could be used in dips, sauces, in breads or batters, or sprinkled on popcorn or potato chips," says co-developer Michelle Kelly. She reports it's nonalcoholic, comes in light and dark flavors, and won't turn back into beer if you add water.

Add beer powder and they're perfect. Austrian designer Reinlinde Trummer began selling what she claims is the first all-chocolate bra. The \$155 edible bras are made from special chocolate that won't melt at inopportune moments. Trummer says they're a popular wedding present.

Meanwhile, a Seattle hotel pas-try chef invented edible G-string bikinis from baked fruit leather and

lace licorice as part of her hotel's "Love Machine" romantic weekend package. They're available in rasp-berry or mango.

The law won. Try to stay out of prison in Maryland. Unruly inmates there are served a breadlike item made from potato flakes, imitation cheese, powdered milk, raisins, car-rots, tomato paste, whole wheat bread, beans and canned spinach. The whole thing is formed into a loaf and baked, and served to prob-lem prisoners three meals a day.

Accept no spud-stutes. The Idaho Potato Commission revealed that agents at its field offices around the country go into stores to check on the quality of the potatoes. Ex-ecutive Director Mel Anderson says the potato police look for dubious spuds claiming to be from Idaho, and send them in for testing. An-derson says no potato leaves Idaho without an inspection to ensure that it upholds the state's good name.

Do you really want this on your table? An Oregon company, apparently out of ideas, unveiled Tonya Hot Sauce, featuring an un-flattering caricature of disgraced fig-ure skater Tonya Harding outside a dump truck, cigarette in mouth, ice skates in one hand and a hub-cap in the other.

"Not for the weak-kneed," reads the label. "Guaranteed to assault your taste buds. It's a lead-pipe cinch you'll love it." Harding's lawyer demanded the product be removed from stores, or at least, that Harding get a cut of the profits.

Not my neck, doc; the bottle neck. Matt Augustine, a chemistry professor at the University of Cal-ifornia at Davis, figured out that he could give old wine bottles a mag-netic resonance imaging test — usually used on people — to check if the contents are still good. The MRI can detect vinegar, which is what wine becomes when oxygen gets in through a leaky cork. At the university, which is known for its Department of Viticulture and Enol-ogy, Dr. Augustine has already de-tected some spoiled vintages from 1950, 1960 and 1968.

Were you going to eat them? Jeweler Jennifer Kellogg got into In Style magazine by turning marsh-mallow Peeps bunnies into neck-laces, pins and rings.

Obligatory Spam item. Work-ers at Americhem in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, host a Spam feast every Friday at lunch. The Akron Beacon Journal reported that the menu has

included the likes of cold Spam 'n' pasta salad, warm Spam meatballs, chunks of Spam in barbecue sauce, Spam and green onion pizza and various Spam casseroles. Slow-cookers brim with Spam chili and Spam and bean soup.

The men — and yes, the culprits are all male — get their recipes from the Internet, from cookbooks and from their wives' recipe files.

One man used his wife's recipe for a breakfast hash-brown casse-role, substituting Spam for ham. Another added a gourmet touch to Spam-stuffed peppers by tossing in fresh rosemary, thyme and sage.

The star of one week's buffet was a pile of Spam burgers made with ground sausage, beef and Spam mixed with onion and green pepper and bound with cracker crumbs.

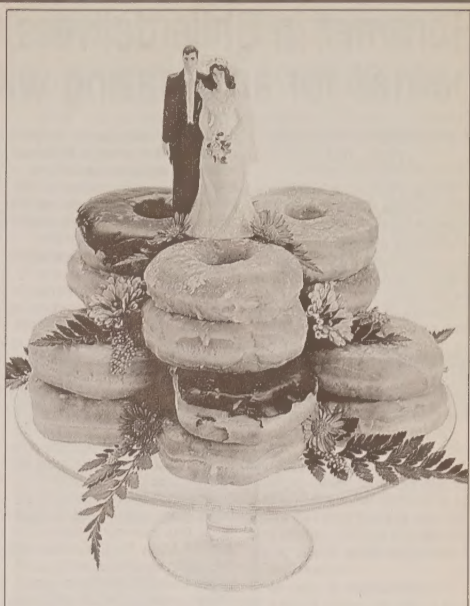
Put down the anchovies and slowly back away. Pizza kept showing up in the police blotter:

■ In Lakewood, Ohio, police found 400 rotting pizzas in Kim-berly Herricks' garage and quickly sniffed out a scam. The pizzeria manager was charged with cook-ing the books by \$38,000 and cov-ering up part of the plot by saying she was delivering the garage-bought pizzas.

■ Authorities in Lebanon, Ohio, arrested an employee of Chubby's Pizza for allegedly dealing mari-juana through the store. Police said customers ordered "special sea-sonings" to have a bag of dope added to the order.

■ Two escapees from a Texas jail who were holding a hostage in an Oklahoma convenience store agreed to surrender if the sheriff brought them a Pizza Hut Meat Lovers' pizza. He did, and they did.

Compiled from The Dallas Morn-ing News staff and wire reports.



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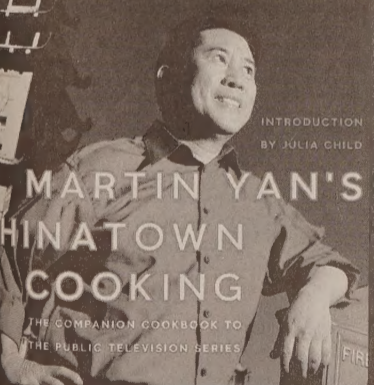
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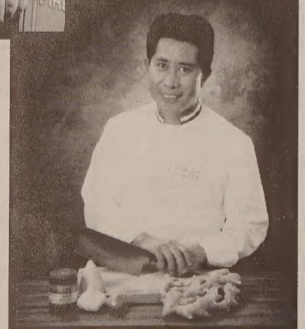
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Add berries and cherries to your winter fruit salads, sprinkle on frozen yogurt, or serve cherry berry sauce over toasted slices of pound cake. Berries are great baked into tarts and cobbles or used with yogurt and granola to build a delicious parfait.

Keep cherries and berries refrigerated until ready to eat and wash them just before you are ready to serve, not before.

For more information on fresh fruits from Chile, visit www.cf-fa.usa.org. For more information about 5 A Day The Color Way and the health benefits of eating a colorful variety of fruits and vegetables, visit the Web site www.5aday.com and www.about-produce.com.

CHERRY BERRY SAUCE

1-1/2 cups unsweetened apple juice
1/4 cup sugar
1 tablespoon butter
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1 cup raspberries, divided in two portions
1 cup pitted dark sweet cherries

ries
1/4 teaspoon almond flavoring
1/2 cup miniature marshmallows

Place juice, sugar, butter and half the berries into a medium size saucepan and bring to boil on medium heat, stirring often. Cook gently for about 3 minutes.

Remove from heat and using a stick or wand blender (a full sized blender may be used), carefully puree hot mixture until no whole fruits remain.

Add remaining berries, cherries, almond flavoring and return to heat. Cook for about 3-4 minutes at a low boil.

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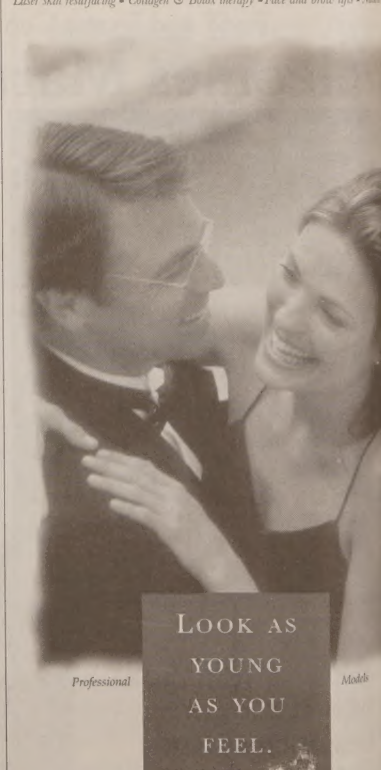
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Author by the 60 culinary experts who staff the Kraft Kitchens, "Dinner On Hand" was created for everyday cooking. Many of the cookbook's more than 150 recipes are in an easy-to-follow, four-color grid format showing tasty combinations of meat, vegetables and flavorings that can be mixed and matched to create a variety of dishes.

"We know most people have a 'mental cookbook,' that handful of easy, family favorite recipes that save time and always turn out right," said Stephanie Williams, senior director of the Kraft Kitchens. "With 'Dinner On Hand' people can build upon their mental cookbooks with delicious twists."

The Kraft Kitchens approach to recipe development streamlines the process and replaces multiple, separately measured ingredients with easy substitutes. For example, a stir-fry recipe used to call for measuring out and mixing salt, oil, ground ginger, soy sauce and cornstarch. The updated cookbook replaces those ingredients with 1/2 cup of prepared salad dressing, which already includes a touch of oil, a splash of vinegar and all the seasonings.

New cookbook offers three-step mix-and-match recipes plus "insider" cooking tips

Other tips gathered by Kraft Kitchens experts and featured in the cookbook include:

- Unsure about the age of eggs? Place them in a bowl of cold water. If they sink, they're fresh; if they float, they're old and should be discarded.
- Cut calories in half without cutting the flavor by brushing the bread of grilled cheese sandwiches with light mayonnaise instead of butter.
- Spray your measuring cup lightly with cooking spray before you

measure out honey or molasses. Even the stickiest ingredients will slide right out.

• To clean your blender, partly fill blender jar with hot water and one drop dish detergent. Run the blender a few minutes, empty the soapy water, rinse with clean hot water and leave in your drainer to dry.

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Cookbook shares secrets of Southern Italian immigrant-style cooking

Get your apron ready: Generations of Immigrant Southern Italian cooking can now be savored in a delectable new cookbook.

"Into the Sauce: From Our Cucina to Your Kitchen" (\$24.95) contains many of the sensational recipes that have graced tables at 82 Buca di Beppo restaurants from Los Angeles to Washington, D.C.

The vital, vibrant and powerfully flavored Southern Italian recipes featured in this 160-page cookbook were created by Executive Chef Vittorio Renda and Joseph P. Micatotto, B.U.C.A., Inc.'s chairman, president and CEO, who guides Buca di Beppo, inspired by the immigrant traditions of his grandfather, Nick.

"Into the Sauce" serves up 58 recipes from Italy's Abruzzo, Apulia, Basilicata, Calabria, Molise and Sicily regions, including:

- Pastas, including spaghetti with garlic oil and vegetables and seafood linguine with pesto sauce;
- Romantic dishes like wedding soup;
- Seafood dishes like swordfish Siracusa-style; and

Italian desserts from mascarpone and espresso cake (Tiramisu) to warm Marsala wine custard.

Here's a sample recipe from "Into the Sauce":

CHICKEN SALTIMBOCCA WITH ESCAROLE (Saltimbocca di pollo con verdura)

- 1 pound escarole greens, chopped
- 4 boneless, skinless chicken breasts (6 oz. each)
- Salt to taste
- Pepper to taste
- 2 tablespoon finely chopped fresh sage
- 4 slices prosciutto, thinly sliced
- 2 tablespoon olive oil
- Flour for dusting 1/4 cup chicken stock

In a pot of boiling water, cook escarole for approximately 3 minutes, then drain, cool and squeeze out excess water. Set aside. Flatten chicken breast to 1/8-inch thickness by

pounding lightly between two sheets of wax paper. Sprinkle each piece with salt and pepper and spread each evenly with sage. Top each breast with a slice of prosciutto secured with wooden toothpicks.

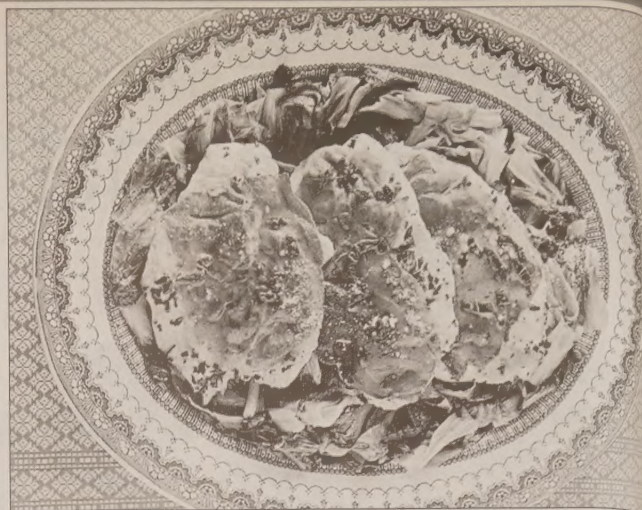
Heat olive oil in a large skillet over medium-high heat. Dust each breast with flour and place in the sauté pan, prosciutto side down. Cook until golden brown.

Turn chicken over, finish cooking, about 8 minutes. Place chicken on a baking sheet and cover with foil to keep warm. Discard olive oil from sauté pan and add chicken stock, wine, lemon juice, prepared escarole, salt and pepper.

Cook for about 5 minutes, remove from heat, add butter and mix in to thicken sauce. Place chicken on a large platter, prosciutto side up, remove toothpicks and pour sauce over.

Garnish each chicken piece with 2 lemon wedges. Serve immediately. Serves 4.

"Into the Sauce" is available at Buca di Beppo restaurants or can be ordered online at www.amazon.com or www.bucadibeppo.com.



THE CHICKEN SALTIMBOCCA recipe from Buca di Beppo restaurant's "Into the Sauce" cookbook captures the exuberance of Southern Italy.

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7. Reduced-fat caramel topping with chopped pecans
8. Whole-berry cranberry sauce
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